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AUSTRALIA WINS

A MAGNIFICENT display by Australia's midfield general Peter Raskopoulos laid the foundations for Australia's superb 1-0 victory in their opening match of the President's Cup campaign played at Kangnung, East Korea yesterday.

Ten minutes after half-time the flashing Frank Farina opened Australia's account in the Cup by scoring following a well-taken Raskopoulos free-kick from 35 metres out.

He swung his kick wide to the left where Chris Kalantzis headed across the box to Arnold, who blasted at the target. The drive was only parried by the Moroccan keeper, allowing Farina to fly in and knock the ball into the Moroccan net from only two metres out.

Australia had attacked strongly in the first 18 minutes and had the Australians rattled with their pacy, short passing game.

In fact right back Wally Savor cleared from a dangerous situation with a magnificent sliding tackle that took the ball away from the feet of Haydei when he was set to blast at the target from five metres.

Australia: Olver, Savor, Yankos, Hunter, Jennings, Wade, Raskopoulos, McDowell, Farina (Villani 83), Arnold, Kalantzis (Crino 70).

The opening results in Group A were Korea A v Hungary 1-0, Deportivo Espanol v Thailand 1-0, Egypt v United States 2-1.



Australia's Jeff Olver fists away in the Melbourne game against English champions Everton in Melbourne.

— Photo by Les Shorrock

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CRACKING

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ASF vice-president Charlie Perkins and his technical committee have been attending to the nitty gritty of putting the nuts and bolts back on the creaky ASF bandwagon.

A vital recommendation is already on its way to the ASF.

The committee recommendation is that a national conference be held of coaches, administrators and referees.

The conference would divide into separate working groups to get on with the business of finding top solutions for their problems.

Obviously a section of the administration must include a component on public relations and the media, where much

has to be learnt.

The cost you ask? All states should cover the expenses of their own delegates.

National policies on these vital areas aren't the only questions requiring to be addressed.

Interstate matches must be brought back to the fore.

ACT is negotiating for a game against Victoria and is looking for an all states knock-out series.

These could be held late this year or in early 1988.

The states will only have to get their acts together and the NSL and State League clubs will fall into line.

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So much depends upon you, our readers, as well as ourselves.

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The Editor

THREE are reasons which are to some degree understandable, as to why it takes so long to get some progressive moves into place in Australia Soccer.

Not that they are necessarily earth-shattering and not that they shouldn't have been done earlier, but at least sometimes they are being done.

Room was found in the calendar for the NSW-ACT match and following that there is the Queensland-NSW game in Brisbane.

It was Queensland that pressed for the resumption of the Queensland-NSW games, and for the first year or so they looked a little brittle.

But the series has settled down and Queensland has proved that they can do quite a job on home soil at Perry Park.

There hasn't been any public signs of the offering of a return visit to Sydney by the NSW Soccer Federation.

Yet it isn't all that many years ago that a 7500 crowd saw an excellent NSW-Queensland clash at the old Sydney Sports Ground.

Could it be that Australian Soccer could clamber far enough back to be able to do what it was able to about 25 years back.

After all, this was a regular series right through from 1890 between Queensland and NSW.

The NSW-ACT game was a new venture — a brave one by the ACT Federation — and it will be interesting to see how it goes.

Perhaps Victoria was so full up with handling the Everton promotion that Interstate football lacked a pull.

But, with the national team away, there was certainly room for matches featuring NSW, Victoria and South Australia, with the latter probably challenging Western Australia as well.

It took quite a time for the message to get through that annual Australia — New Zealand matches should be played.

With the World Cup factor removed and played late in the season last year, they were not exactly crowd pullers.

But, as with interstate games, Australia must do certain things in its own states and region.

The down-grading of the Australian dollar means we must do more to depend upon ourselves.

It is quite clear that there isn't enough money in the game to be assured that quite a number of number of overseas national teams can be brought in.

Where they can, it will strengthen Australian football. It seems however that there is either a flood or a drought.

Australia and its states, together with New Zealand, must continue to build up their own resources.

Already too much time has been lost.

Apart from the tournament fiasco which occurred when the Australian Soccer Federation authorised a privately promoted 'tour' by Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Glasgow Celtic, there have been a rash of other possible tours.

It goes without saying that hastily thrown together arrangements usually stand to fall, and deservedly so.

Whilst talk goes around that the National League clubs should be allowed to run tours to raise funds, there should be properly organised games between the states and New Zealand.

If this does not happen Soccer will be the sport amongst the many others that shows that it cannot operate properly between the States of the Commonwealth.

Marconi did well to find a slot for FK Vardar when no-one else was in the market. Deservedly they profited from their enterprise.

At one stage Soccer authorities were closely looking at the mid-western suburbs site of Lidcombe Oval as the location for a home for the code in Sydney.

Now the NSW Government apparently is allocating Lidcombe as the future main athletic Stadium, so where does Soccer stand.

The NSW Soccer Federation concentrated its allocation of Government funds on the Parklea training camp.

It would be impossible to do what has been done with a lesser debt.

But now in Sydney the rugby codes have their showpiece grounds and Australian rules use the SCG.

APIA's MARK BROWN (right) takes on SUNSHINE'S PAUL TRIMBOLI. His mentor at Leichhardt RALE RASIC claims the youngster is the best defender in the land.



Photo: LES SHORROCK

MARK BROWN

THE BEST

DEFENDER

IN THE

LAND



HIGH PRAISE FOR APIA YOUNGSTER

BY KEITH GILMOUR

MARK BROWN, the APIA-Leichhardt full-back is the man who has won general acceptance for the high standard of his defending since the League opened for business on March 29.

A goofy-footer, he has been switched from left to right-back, and he hasn't missed a beat.

Yet all this improvement came after he — and it is on his own admissions as well — started the season in a very ordinary manner.

"I seemed to be all at sea — barging in and over — committing myself.

"It didn't seem that I could put it together properly, but then light dawned on me.

"I found myself ready to jockey attackers and play for time.

"More than that, I began to keep my cool better. It was soon clear that if a player controls himself then he can control the ball better," Mark said.

When questioned on the point, APIA coach Rale Basic made no bones over his player's improvement.

"Mark has mastered a lot of the essentials recently.

"A defender can't win the ball everytime, but he has improved out of sight in that department.

"His attacking skills aren't as good as his defending skills, but he is going ahead with a ton of confidence as well," said Basic.

So, at 24, it is all starting to happen for the boy from

Manly club who, along with Ian Gray, decided that he had to head for one of the bigger clubs to improve himself.

It's a well balanced side of great depth.

As with any Basic side, the defence receives due attention.

Tony Pezzano in goal, with a usual back-four of Charlie Yankos, Arno Bertogna, new national squad left-back Jean-Paul de Marigny — and "Brownie".

There is a fair chance too that the latter could be drawing attention from National coach Frank Arok in the future.

The rest of the story was

OFFICIALS HONOURED

AUSTRALIAN Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George became an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

He is deeply involved in sport and education, apart from his major business interests.

Also highly honoured was Tony Kovac, who has been a power behind the scenes in both the Australian Soccer Federation and the National Soccer League.

He has also given long service to Footscray JUST, and is credited with having kept them over many years past in prominence nationally.

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SOCER NEEDS THE MUMS AND DADS

SAYS RALE RASIC

IT was surprising — maybe I should say puzzling — to find Eric Worthington being quoted as aligning many parents with being big problems in the Soccer code.

I find the line of reasoning extraordinary, and indeed unacceptable.

A person at the high level of National Director of Coaching saying that? What would Dr Joe Venglos say if he was here and heard such a statement. I think he would regard it as a comedy.

To my way of thinking most Soccer clubs would not even exist — and 99.9% of junior clubs wouldn't — if it wasn't for dedicated parents. They run their organisations very profitably.

I used to go to help conduct clinics at Lindfield Soccer Club. They have over 50 teams in their club and I never enjoyed clinics like theirs!

Vidmar, Ernie Tapai, Chris Kalantzis, Rod Brown, Robbie Slater and Frank Farina are a number who can thank their parents for the help in football.

As you know some of them are now highly recognised players in England, Greece, Belgium and Germany.

Jim Mitchell took David to training regularly — if necessary twice a day.

Aris Patikas took Jimmy everywhere — I finally persuaded him to send him to Greece.

It is hard to think of more dedicated parents.

Many parents can sense the difference between good and bad coaches.

We know we haven't got

Eddie himself the tactical side.

Learning

I would particularly ask what Eric Worthington is referring to when he mentions the 'senior level' of coaches.

In Don Revie's day England lost 2-0 to Italy. At that time Revie with Leeds and England was the country's most successful coach.

I recall that he said that we (England) would have to accept that we have to go to the school, which Europe left 20 years ago.

So we have to look at coaching in places other than Britain.

Personally I hold the Argentine FA coaching badge No.422. And Brazil is important to Australia. Much of South America and Eastern Europe has similar climates and hard grounds.

Level

It goes without saying that a 14 or 16 year old does not have a driving licence.

At APIA we have an under 14 who travels up to train twice a week. Guess who drives him up.

Let's not hurt the people who work for the game. Do not forget them.

People too like Scheinf-

enough good coaches, and that we have to produce more.

But Soccer in this country needs parents.

Combination

Now to look at the statement on physical conditioning and skill.

As late as 1977 Mario Zagala and Carlos Alberto Pierera, then coach and assistant coach of Kuwait, conducted sessions here.

The latter is now national coach of Brazil.

I can say that these were most enjoyable training sessions.

They combined physical, skills and tactics in one unit, with technical and mental preparation included.

Because in Australia we only have two, three or four sessions a week there is a sound case for a combination of coaching aspects in the one session.

We would need to be fully professional to do better.

In 1977 we were instructed in physical work related to ball skills by Zagala and Pierera. Would these coaches be regarded as being behind in their methods?

We do of course have a variety of styles of coaching in Australia.

Eddie Thomson has his style with Mick Hickman handling conditioning and

JOHN FREW LOSES JOB

WOLLONGONG Macedonia officials sacked coach John Frew when he arrived for training on Friday night and immediately appointed Peter Willis new coach.

Frew's sacking ended a week of speculation after the team dropped to bottom of the State Bank League when beaten at home 1-0 by Canberra.

Former Blacktown coach Casey de Bruin watched that game and was approached by Macedonia officials to take over from Frew but no agreement could be reached.

Macedonia secretary Bob Kozovski said Frew had been sacked because of the team's poor performances. He said it was a unanimous decision by the committee.

Just six weeks earlier a faction of the committee had tried to have Frew dismissed.

That upheaval resulted in the club calling an extraordinary special meeting to elect a new committee.

The faction that wanted to axe Frew was not re-elected.

Club president Lupco Stefanovski, who made it clear at that stage he backed Frew all the way and wanted him to stay through to the end of the season, has now voted to sack him.

Stefanovski said he did not want to comment on the sacking.

"Our secretary Bob Kozovski will issue any statements from the club," Stefanovski said.

Frew said he was bitterly disappointed with the decision as he felt the team could still avoid relegation. "The players I attracted to the club have done well considering their lack of experience and have improved with every game," Frew said.

"The club didn't buy players to improve the situation earlier but the week they have sacked me they have two Macedonian imports in the squad and another ready to play next week."

"I feel I should have been given the chance to continue with these new players in my team."

Willis, who was a Leeds Utd apprentice before coming to Australia in 1981 to join Wollongong City is taking on his first coaching role.

RALE RASIC SPEAKS

HIS

playing in two World Cups and receiving a gold medal in Spain in 1982.

Yet on one radio station he was called 'Graziano'.

Is that the boxer?

Maybe one wonders whether Bryan Robson would be called 'Robson'.

Contrast this with the attitude of Ray Clemence, with whom I called the 1978 World Cup.

I was fascinated with his knowledge of players of the Soviets, Bulgaria, Argentina, Italy and wherever.



MIND

FORMER Socceroo coach and APIA boss RALE RASIC tells it, like it is in ASW.

But, after all these things are taken into consideration, the big joy I want to comment on today is that of meeting up again with the parents of the children I used to coach.

JIM PATIKAS



INTERNATIONAL SOCCER JERSEYS!

At right: FRANK ARNESEN (Denmark)



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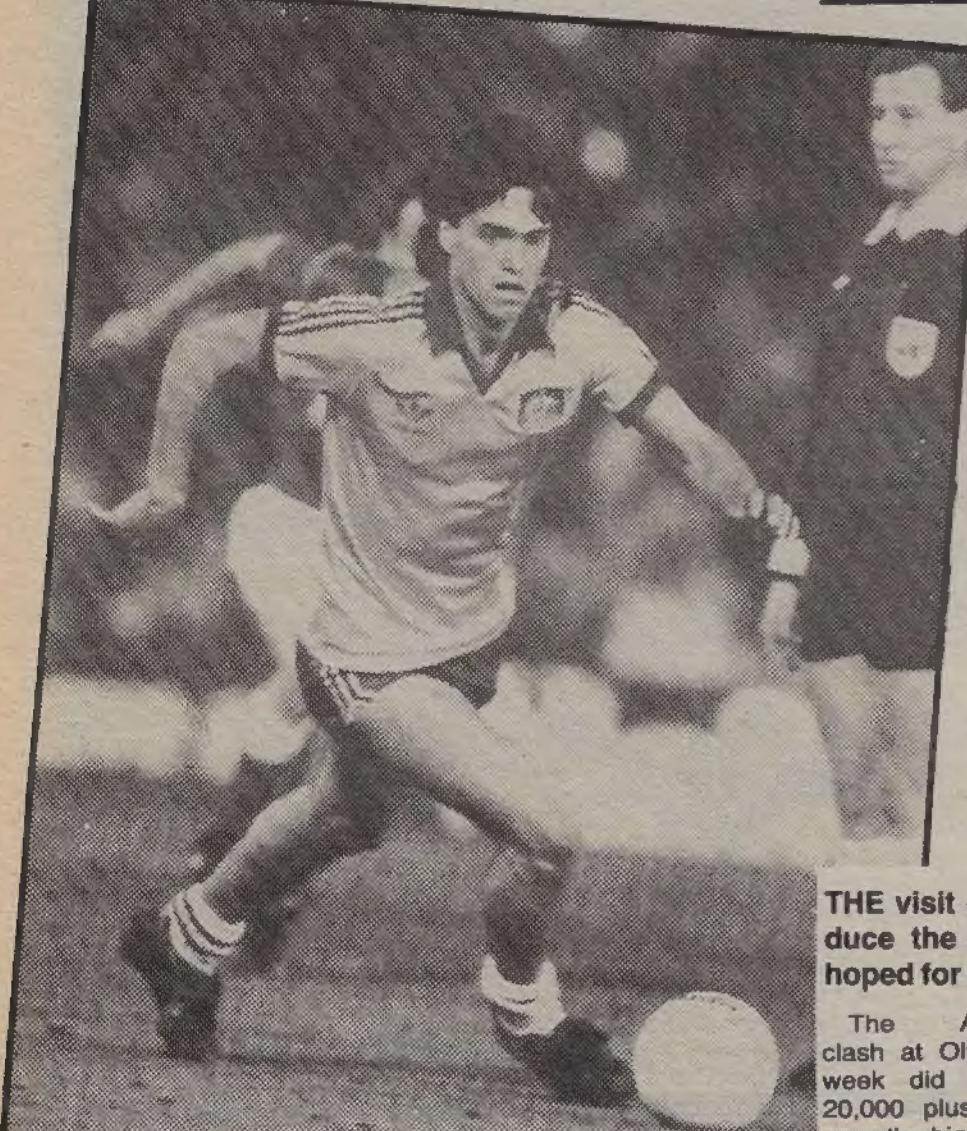


DAVID MITCHELL in action for Australia.



FRANK FARINA
rides a challenge from an Everton defender as Peter Reid looks on.

Photo: LES SHORROCK



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★APIA-Leichhardt lead the National League into the three-week recess.

The Italian-backed club leads on 16 points after 10 games, three ahead of Sydney Croatia who have played one less game.

Behind them come Marconi on 12, Brunswick and Melbourne Croatia on 11 and champions Adelaide City share joint sixth spot with Cup finalists South Melbourne on ten.

★ROD BROWN leads the scorers list with 11 goals. Behind him are Robbie Slater (Syd Croatia) on 9 and Lawrie McKenna (Heidelberg), Frank Farina (Marconi) and Paul Lewis (Melb. Croatia) all on 6.

★When the League recommences on June 28 APIA has the bye whilst the rest of the draw is:

Melb. Croatia v Preston, Marconi v South Melb., Heidelberg v Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic v Sunshine G.C., Adelaide City v Brunswick and Footscray v St George.

FINALLY the question that has been asked for over a century — which code of football has the best athletes — should be answered in less than a week.

On June 17, the inaugural

'Battle of the Codes' will sort out all the conjecture.

The codes involved are Soccer, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Australian Rules — who boasts the best? We'll soon find out.

Already Sydney Olympic have agreed to join League

EVERTON'S BETTER PLAYERS LOST

BY JOHN MANGAN

NATIONAL coach Frank Arok summed up his team's problem against English champions Everton when he confessed to the gathered media before the game: "Of course it will be difficult — they have better players."

Flashy skills and intuitive teamwork have never won games for Australia against classy European or South American sides.

Rather, a combination of aggression and discipline — especially at the back — has led to the Socceroos' successes.

Arok put the proven formula to work in the first half of last Wednesday's Nissan Cup game.

Stringing five across the back, the Socceroos gave Everton little chance of making anything in attack.

When the ball did get forward to Australia's front runners, Sydney Croatia's Graham Arnold and Sydney Olympic's Chris Kalantzi lacked sufficient support from the midfield to apply sustained pressure to the opposing defence.

The consequence was that Australia maintained a respectable 0-0 scoreline while the over 18,000 strong crowd became restless.

With its players settling in to coping with Everton, Australia adapted tactics for the second term.

While still aware of the virtues of solid defence, Arok

clearly wanted to free the midfield.

That allowed England international Peter Reid space in the middle but gave Sydney Olympic's Peter Raskopoulos the opportunity to push up.

When Rasko was injured midway through the second half, Arok confirmed his commitment to attack by putting on Footscray star, Oscar Crino.

Crino was a joy to watch, taking time on the ball and choosing exactly where he wished to deliver his passes.

After Robbie Dunn had headed Australia into the lead, Everton hit back with new vigor.

The Blues' equaliser showed exactly why defences need to be so close-knit against top foreign opposition.

An electrifying burst of pace by Trevor Steven took him into Australia's box, where Adrian Heath was on hand to ram home his cross.

The penalties after full-time put pressure on Australia in front of their home crowd, but Crino was wonderfully cheeky with his

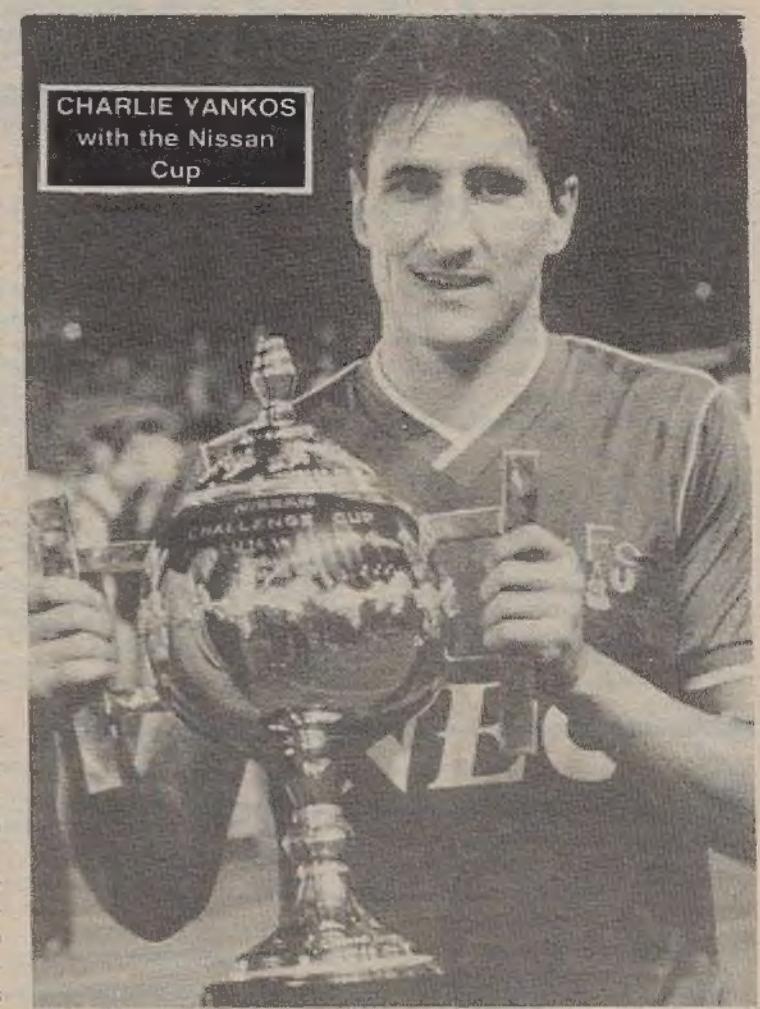
dummys which sent Everton's keeper Bobby Mimms the wrong way.

While it was pleasing to win the penalty contest, the significance of the match for the Socceroos was that they held one of Europe's top clubs to a 1-1 draw over the 90 minutes.

AUSTRALIA: Oliver, Savor, Yankos, Dunn, Jennings, McDo-
wall, Farina, Davidson, Arnold, Raskopoulos (Crino), Kalantzi.

EVERTON: Mimms, Stevens, Van Den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Watson, Reid, Steven, Heath, Bracewell, Snodin, Pointon, Harper.
Referee: C. Bambridge.
Crowd: 18,000.

CHARLIE YANKOS
with the Nissan Cup



EVERTON'S NIGHT FROM THE OLYMPIC PARK OUTER

BY GREG BLAKE

THE visit of English champion Everton didn't produce the highlights on the field we might have hoped for on such an occasion.

The Australia-Everton clash at Olympic Park last week did lure a healthy 20,000 plus crowd to witness the biggest game of the year so far at the Victorian headquarters.

The game was as full-blooded as one could expect for a friendly, and there were moments of quality football to be savoured.

But for your correspondent, relieved of his match reporting duties on the big night, the best entertainment was found on the outer terrace of the ground.

It was in this standing section that I first tasted the round ball code a decade and a half ago, and it is the place I inevitably returned to — given the chance to escape the sterility of the press area.

I've seen World Cup games from this vantage point and these matches were full of passion and fervour on and off the field.

Olympic Park, for all its well publicised problems, still brings out the best on a big occasion.

Everton's visit was another memorable night and while the atmosphere wasn't as absorbing and in-

tense as those World Cup affairs, it was certainly entertaining.

The Footscray brawls of some weeks ago had police on alert for the first time in memory. There was a strong police presence on the terraces as well as around the running track for the Everton game.

A thin, rather nervous-looking blue line weaved down between the two main sets of supporters before kick-off as the singing grew in volume.

The vocal Socceroo supporters (seemingly increasing in numbers with every Australian game in Melbourne) were there in large groups with the usual flags and accompanied by trumpets, drums and the now customary smoke flares.

The Everton (or should I say English) supporters came in smaller groups but converged from all directions as the Union Jacks and assorted colours began swaying to the familiar "You'll Never Walk Alone".

It was almost a case of spotting the Everton supporter — from memory I

saw various colours of Leeds, Wimbledon, Queens Park Rangers, Chelsea, Liverpool, England, Tottenham, Arsenal and Manchester United and I'm sure I missed some.

Early in the evening the rival chanting was humorous enough.

But just before kick-off and early in the game things threatened to turn ugly as the green and gold-clad fans let fly with two smoke flares, one landing on the running track and another falling short of the mark and into the middle of a group of angry gents down on the perimeter fence.

At the same time the English supporters were funning through their full repertoire of songs designed to aggravate.

"Clap Your Hands If You Hate Wogs", "You Dirty Aussies/Wog Bastards" and "Clap Your Hands If You Are Not A Wog" were the most obnoxious along with "Woggie, Woggie, Woggie..."

The young and vocal Australian supporters might not have been prepared to take retribution but there was much clenching of fists and gnashing of teeth by the older "European" looking

supporters around me.

Had it not been for the police there in numbers I wonder whether discretion might not have been the better part of valour for them on this night.

But the green and gold-clad teenagers had the last laugh when they returned with a full-voiced "Have A Bath, Have A Bath, Have A Bath" which even brought smiles from the boys in blue.

Of course it was all pretty mindless stuff but it brought atmosphere to an often colourless Olympic Park terrace.

The only other time things threatened to turn nasty was at halftime as both crews, now numbering well over 150 a side, began a full beer can throwing war at each other.

That lasted as long as the aluminium cans at hand remained full.

It was a shame trouble didn't flare up — that seemed the case for the daily press photographers who seemed obsessed with hovering near possible trouble spots for most of the night rather than snapping the match action.

In the end, thank goodness, it was all pretty tame stuff.

The English taunts of

"We Won The Ashes" were silenced as Robbie Dunn put Australia ahead.

Everton equalised shortly afterward and when it really looked like we had a game on our hands both sets of fans seemed happy enough to enjoy the match action.

The super save by Jeff Oliver from Trevor Steven even had the English supporters applauding as one.

The last derisive chant of the night from the English lads was reserved for Charlie Yankos who, according to them, "is a wanker, is a wanker".

Big Charlie, bless him, answered that without the help of the Aussie supporters by burying one of the all-important penalties which won the Nissan Trophy for Australia.

As the ball hit the back of the net Charlie turned to the terrace to salute his admirers.

No-one took anything too badly and there was not trouble, at least none I could see.

It was that sort of a night and I enjoyed every minute of it.

FOOTBALL SHOWDOWN!

BY FRANK COLETTA

clubs, Parramatta and Cronulla, Union champions Randwick and Parramatta and it is expected the Sydney Swans and other outfits will agree to participate.

Organisers say the winning team could pocket as much as \$10,000 in

prizemoney.

They are also tipping a 'full house' at Parramatta Stadium on the big night.

The footballers will be tested in 100, 200, 400 and 800 metre races, plus relays tug o'war, iron man and goal kicking events.

One of the organisers said: "This is going to be the most exciting and innovative sporting night Sydney has ever seen."

"There will be a spectacular opening ceremony featuring performers. We are sure this will become an annual event."

Franken omission sad

... BUT, WHAT ABOUT WHEATLEY?

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

THE quite understandable amazement shown by nearly every Soccer fan at the omission of Sydney Croatia goalkeeper Tony Franken in favor of Mike Gibson for the Socceroo tour of South Korea has gone a long way towards overshadowing another puzzling selection decision.

Minutes before the touring party was announced, Marconi defender Robert Wheatley was in the squad and his travelling equipment ready to be picked up only by Heidelberg's Alan Hunter.

Nobody knows the reason for this late reversal. Wheatley himself was never given an explanation but he was understandably disappointed at his exclusion.

"I felt that I did enough in the matches against New Zealand and on the tour of China last year to retain my place in the squad," a still stunned Wheatley openly confessed, "but obviously Frank Arrok didn't see it that way."

It's hard to argue with Wheatley's sentiments as he did not put a foot wrong in any of his limited opportunities with the Socceroos. Indeed, most reports indicated that he had a highly successful introduction to the national team.

The fact that this talented defender can be utilised at either right or left full back

position as well as a sweeper should have been an additional bonus on a tour that will see the Socceroos in action virtually every second day.

The patchy performances of Marconi thus far in the National League may have possibly influenced Arrok's decision but together with Tony Henderson, Wheatley has been one of the most consistent players in the side.

Selecting 18 players to represent Australia is never an easy task and controversy is bound to arise no matter what.

The exclusion of Wheatley, however, was just as surprising as that of Franken and whichever way you look at the situation it's difficult to come up with a rational explanation.

Fortunately, both players

are young and determined enough to keep knocking on the door, it can only be a matter of time before their talent is suitably recognised.

A number of other players also come into this category — Robbie Slater and Rod Brown are currently in super form, APIA's Mark Brown is overdue for an opportunity, David Lowe was never really given a chance and Arno Bertogna should have been one of the first defenders selected.

From a positive angle, these omissions all point to a large pool of talent that is available to the national team at the moment and should Frank Arrok have the last laugh by proving all his critics wrong, the game in this country must be in a much healthier position than most of us realise.



ROBBIE WHEATLEY

for a last minute change of heart that saw him replaced



Photo: MODERN STUDIOS

ROBBIE WHEATLEY (left) moves in to challenge PETER RASKOPOULOS. DAVID LOWE (right) views proceedings.

DOUBLING UP BEATS ACT AGAINST NSW

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE ACT was outrun but not outclassed in their 3-0 loss to NSW in the interstate challenge match at Bruce Stadium on Monday.

It was fatigue, rather than the visiting team, which beat the Territory players, almost all of whom were backing up for their second game of the long weekend.

Even so, they were unlucky not to score a goal,

Garside blow-up

FIRE BOMB CLAIM

A PARRAMATTA Council alderman has claimed that her car and home were firebombed over the Garside Park floodlit games issue.

Members of Granville Chile Soccer Club and the Granville Soccer Supporters Club have been fighting to retain Garside Park, Granville as a floodlit Soccer Ground.

A resident has been pressing to have Parramatta City Council ban night fixtures.

Ald. Yvonne Maio believes a bomb was thrown last week. She said that her husband put out the blaze before much damage was done to the car and home.

Over the years Garside Park was used for double-header Ampol Cup games and other fixtures up to 11pm.

Ald. Maio stated she was not opposed to Soccer as such, but claimed that noise and lights troubled local residents.

She stated that many of the people who play at the ground come from outside the City of Parramatta, although Granville has changed from an Australia British area to a big South American suburb.



Wallsend Crash

Wallsend crashed out of the 1987 Oak Bill Turner Cup series when they were well beaten by St Peters, Maitland.

St Peters have always been unlucky with the draw, meeting top teams early in the series.

They brushed this aside last week against Wallsend. Simon Richards netted two goals in good fashion against the 1984 cup holders. Their next fixture against Singleton should be exciting fare.

ST PETERS, MAITLAND 2 (Simon, Richards) WALLSEND 0. Referee Mr T. Ellis.

only the second half excellence of NSW goalkeeper Tony Franken preventing it.

NSW got away to a fine start. With seven minutes gone Gerry Gomez made the first of several spectacular runs to meet a corner kick from Peter Tredinnick and send a bullet-like header past ACT goalkeeper George Economopoulos.

Gomez was in everything at this stage, first feeding Robbie Slater who shot just over the bar, then combining well with Robbie Hooker and Mark Jones only for Jones to head over.

The ACT kept plugging away and relieved the pressure by winning a couple of corners in succession, although they were easily dealt with by the tall NSW defence.

The game settled into a stalemate which was not broken until the 57th minute when substitute Abbas Saad, on the counter attack, beat Jim Harkins and coolly

slipped the ball past Economopoulos to score off the post.

Croatia Deakin's Stan Dukic, coming on as substitute, almost made an immediate impact on the game when he collected an attempted clearance and bashed the ball back only for Franken to save.

Then the ACT came close twice in a minute - first Franken had to turn an Alex Cummings header round the post, then the hard-working Jason Polak corner kick to force yet another save from the brilliant young goalkeeper. But the home side had precious little left to give and hardly anyone was getting back to defend when, in the last minute of the game, Burim Zajmi broke down the right and crossed for Slater to head home unchallenged. ACT coach Roy Thompson said the difference between the team had been "a couple of mistakes and tired legs."

"Percentage-wise, we had more of the ball in the first half, but it was all breaking down inside the box."

He had individual praise for AIS players Polak, Cummings and David Healey.

"Australia will be well-served by these fine youngsters in the future," he said.

NSW coach Alan Vest said that the ACT did well until the last third of the game "then they virtually stopped running."

He added: "I wouldn't say it was a great NSW performance, especially in the first half, and I had words to say to them at half time."

"But I enjoyed the game and if there is going to be a three-week break in the NSL season every year, there could be a place for a properly organised and promoted interstate championship at senior level."

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SAME SIDE, SO — SAYS STOWELL

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell has stuck by the same players who served him well on the recent tour of New Zealand for this weekend's interstate game.

In picking his squad to train this week for the annual clash against the Blues, Stowell retained virtually the same line-up which went to Auckland. The only additions were two new keepers to cover for the loss of previous No.1, Rob Farrow, who broke his leg in the final game against Auckland.

Joining the new No.1 keeper Dave Gallagher are former Queensland squad member Wayne Evans, of Brisbane City, and Mount Gravatt's Mark Pickup, who was in the Brisbane squad which played Ipswich earlier this year.

The Queensland squad is: Wayne Evans, Frank Mengotti (Brisbane City); Mark Gilbert (Taringa); Steve Perry (Redlands); Mark Brusasco (Coalstars); Dave Gallagher (North Star); Mark Pickup, Martin Kirropp (Mount Gravatt), Frank Liddell (c), Alan Niven, Richard Bassingthwaite, John Ogden, Dave Wheeler, Russell Stewart, Jim Morton, Brett Drury (all Lions).

Stowell's decision to stay with the NZ tourists came as no surprise as immediately after the tour he said he would only replace a squad member if another player consistently proved he was better than anyone who had gone to Auckland. And despite watching nearly a dozen games after the New Zealand tour, Stowell saw no reason to alter the squad which performed so magnificently in the Auckland FA Centenary tournament.

Queensland were undefeated in the tournament, but finished second behind the host team. Auckland scored two wins and a draw to Queensland's two draws.

and a win in the tournament which also featured the national teams of Tahiti and New Caledonia.

"Everyone played so well in New Zealand that I owed them all the chance to show the people back at home what they could do," Stowell said.

Any criticism of Stowell's squad could come from North Star supporters, whose side at the time of the announcement of the squad was three points clear at the top of the XXXX League table and had beaten Lions, who have eight in the squad, 2-1 a week earlier. But Stowell defended his selec-

tions and said that while a number of North Star players had turned in fine performances in certain games, they had not repeated the effort regularly.

Although the New Zealand tour, and the two games against Fiji earlier in the year, provided Queensland with an excellent preparation for the interstate match, many are still tipping NSW as the favourites. The Blues side contains many young players who are on the verge of national team selection and Stowell believes they will be out to prove a point.

WALTER VALERI FACES INJURY

BY GRAHAM COOKE

"THERE wasn't even a tackle. I turned sharply and felt it go. I've had it happen enough times before to realise what it was."

With this gloomy assessment Inter Monaro's Walter Valeri summed up the latest setback in an injury-plagued Soccer career. Carried from the field shortly before half-time in the NSW State Bank League game with Newcastle, he did not really need the hospital x-rays or the specialist's opinion later that week to tell him what was wrong.

His knees are a disaster area. Both cartilages have been removed in the left one, while an injury to the curvate ligaments of the right two years ago almost put him out of the game. Now it seems that a cartilage in that same knee will also have to go. A man with less passion for the game would have given up long ago, but even now Valeri is refusing to say that he will call it quits.

"I don't know. I have my business to think of," he said last week. "But there are new techniques these days. You can be in hospital in the morning and out in the afternoon. I will just have to see how the knee stands up this time."

"In the meantime I'm bound to be out for a while — and that means I'll have more time to concentrate on my other job at Monaro as reserve team coach. It's been a bit difficult doing both up to now."

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EAGLES SOAR AGAIN

MELITA EAGLES hit their straps at Arlington Oval to subdue Canterbury and keep their premiership chances alive.

Greg Brown was Melita's two goal hero but had it not have been for the woodwork he might have scored a few more.

Following a free kick in the third minute of the game Brown was on the spot to slam one wide of Chris Hummell but, it hit the post.

Brown repeated the effort in the 34th minute finding the woodwork with Hummell well beaten then Anthony Wellbourn saw his shot bounce of the post in the 75th minute.

However, Brown got his just reward after 57 minutes when Greg Lomas found Earl Rodrigues on the flank and his low cross eluded many to find Brown who smashed it in Hummell. Had that one hit the post it would have bounced right back to Melita goalkeeper Clint Gosling, such was the power of his shot.

That goal gave the visitors a 1-0 lead.

Lenny Vial broke through in the 68th to face Hummell then slot his shot wide of the keeper for a 2-0 lead.

Brown scored his second and Melita's third in the 78th after a good through ball by Andrew Callanan. Brown's chip shot sailed into the net.

Melita was kept scoreless during the first period mainly due to some fine efforts from Hummell.

Canterbury suffered a blow early in the game when John Radman was carried off injured after only 13 minutes and his replacement, hard as he tried, could not fill the gap.

Melita's superior speed came to the fore during the second half.

CANTERBURY: Hummell, Antonides (Alexakis 69th), Mickovski, Efthimides, Vandarakis, Radman (Stamos 13th), George, Kalogeris, Stavropoulos, Andromidas, Arambasic.

MELITA EAGLES: Gosling, Lomas, Williams, Reveley, Wilson, Wellbourn (Sertbas 88th), Rodriguez, Vial, Brown, Callanan, Farnsworth.

CHARGE BY BROWN

MELITA'S barn storming Greg Brown is set to take over at the top of the sharpshooters table as Melita enters the second round of the State Bank League.

Brown is in second place on seven goals but his Sunday's effort included hitting

DEMONS STUNNED! RACE FOR THE TITLE IS ON!

CANBERRA Griffins captain coach, Augusto Palacios, scored one and engineered another goal at Bruce Stadium last Sunday to set the stage for a furious second round of the State Bank Championship and race for the title.

Until last Sunday the race for the title looked like a one horse race with Blacktown City having a clear four point lead. However, Canberra had other ideas and before its most enthusiastic support this year they toppled the League leaders with one goal in each half to get within two points.

Wollongong City, winners over fast fading Manly Warringah and Melita Eagles, easy winners over Canterbury Marrickville, were the teams to benefit from the success of the ACT side.

The Wolves are now three points adrift and Melita four with the race for the title wide open.

These four sides have opened a big four point gap from the rest of the field making the task of Uruguayan Penrith, Sutherland Shire and Rockdale Linden almost impossible to join the top four, let alone think about the ultimate success — League title.

Uruguayan and Sutherland drew at Cook Park with two late goals while Rockdale appeared to have the measure of Newcastle at Hurstville but fell foul in front of goal to win by the slenderest of margins.

Ku-Ring-Gai and Inter Monaro will have to face each other another day as Parklands was declared un-

fit for play last Sunday. This gives Inter Monaro two postponed games and a difficult task of getting away from the League cellar.

Cellar dwellers, Warringah and Wollongong Macedonia drew 0-0 at Kelly Park with the visitors a trifle unlucky not to take both points as Stuart Porter struck the woodwork close to the end of the game.

Warringah Freshwater is fast improving and could provide more than a mere obstacle in weeks to come.

Manly Warringah and Canterbury Marrickville look destined to slide further down the table after disappointing performances of late.

CANBERRA OPEN UP THE RACE

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE race for the NSW State Bank Soccer League title was thrown wide open by Canberra Griffins' 2-0 win over leaders Blacktown City at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

The game was in doubt until the last minute when Ray Junna was brought down on the edge of the penalty area by Glen Sterry, who was promptly given his marching orders by referee Bob Marshall.

Griffins' player-coach Augusto Palacios took the free kick.

"I knew that Blacktown would be expecting Phil Reis or Jason Dunn to come up for the high ball but no one would have expected Ray Junna because he is so small," he said afterwards.

And so it was. Reis and Dunn held back, Junna moved to the penalty spot and with the Blacktown De-

fenders still working out whom they should mark, the little striker headed home his coach's cross.

The goal brought an explosion of relief both on and off the pitch with a delighted Alan Reis doing a sprint down the running track to acknowledge the cheers of the Griffins' supporters.

Until then it could have been very tense. Canberra led from the 31st minute, but one goal is never enough — especially against a side of Blacktown's quality — and the Griffins' past propensity to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory was uppermost in everyone's mind.

The first goal was a

triumph for the old hands. A Steve Bryant corner found Tom Sermanni, who controlled the ball quickly and curved in a neat cross for Palacios to head in at the far post.

It could have been 2-0 just four minutes later when Darren Northam gave the ball away to Alan Reis whose pass onto Sixto Gonzales was only just intercepted by a desperate dive from Steve Watson.

Blacktown coach Les Scheinflug acknowledged that with the Griffins now only two points behind his team with a game in hand, the second half of the season would be interesting.

"We have let them in the door," he said.

While critical of some decisions by referee Marshall, especially the one which led to Sterry's dismissal — "It was a good, clean tackle" — Scheinflug admitted that his side had been caught on an off day.

CANBERRA GRIFFINS: Gian-nasca, Bryant, Mazis, Dunn, Suarez (Willcox 44th) P Reis, Junna, Sermanni, Palacios, A Reis, Gonzales, (Papadopoulos 77th).

BLACKTOWN: Watson, Meier, Sterry (sent off 89th) Reynolds, Northam, Denyer, (Sandy half-time) Kay, Byrne, Lee, Cotton, (Van Blerk 53rd), Thornthwaite.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Morlando, Dickson, Hollifield, Caokey, Giraldi, Ainsworth, Brodin, Easthorpe, Stefanovski (Bundalo), Thornthwaite.

RESULTS OF ROUND 13



VINCE NASTOSKI



AUGUSTO PALACIOS

WOLVES LACK BITE

WOLLONGONG CITY

Wolves fell behind after an early counter attacking goal by Gavin Ferguson but stormed back to take the game away from Manly during the second half.

For Wollongong City coach, John Fleming that was hardly sufficient to brighten the day.

"I was not happy with the state of Cromer Park, and less happy with our first half showing but despite that I felt that we could have been at least on equal terms during that period," said Fleming.

It was during the second half that Brodnik found the woodwork yet again and with the Wollongong forwards converging to pick up the rebound it fell straight into the arms of Tingle!

Chances fell by the wayside for Wollongong in a game which should have been won more comfortably than the score indicated.

However, those that counted came early in the second half. Following a long throw by Scott Dickson it was headed on by Jock Morlando only for a defender to handle and Jeff Ainsworth made no mistake from the penalty.

Ten minutes later Wolves broke through with Brodnik eluding many defenders to face Tingle before scoring.

For Manly Warringah times are lean indeed. Five losses on the trot and only two goals scored in more than 450 minutes of football.

MANLY: Tingle, Dennis, Juergens, Pierce, Robin, Carrick, Stuart, Etherington, Williamson, Clamroft, Ferguson.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Young, Skeen, Morlando, Dickson, Hollifield, Caokey, Giraldi, Ainsworth, Brodin, Easthorpe, Stefanovski (Bundalo).

TIDE TURNS

VINCE Nastoski came to the fore during the second half of the match at Hurstville Oval to turn the tide for the locals and spearhead his side to a deserved 2-1 win.

Newcastle drew first blood after 32 minutes when a long clearance found Drysdale heading the ball on for Scott Gresham to push it over the line.

Five minutes into the second half the locals were on equal terms. A cross by Vasko Mitrevski found Lou Nastoski at the far post and he finished well.

Tony Genovese, who came on for Paul Darlington near the end of the first half, was another solid performer for Rockdale giving Newcastle no end of problems. He was rewarded with a fine goal in the 71st minute.

Nastoski rolled past a few would be tackles then crossed for Genovese to head wide of Grills for the winner. Rockdale looked far more

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	13	10	1	2	33	8	21
Canberra Griffin	12	8	3	1	19	8	19
Wollongong City	13	8	2	3	29	21	18
Melita Eagles	13	7	3	3	26	16	17
Uruguayan Penrith	13	5	3	5	24	23	13
Sutherland Shire	13	3	7	3	15	17	13
Rockdale Linden	13	5	2	6	18	15	12
Newcastle	13	5	1	7	22	23	11
Ku-Ring-Gai	12	3	4	5	16	20	10
Canterbury M'velle	13	3	4	6	16	26	10
Manly Warringah	13	5	0	8	12	22	10
Warringah F/Water	13	4	1	8	12	20	9
Inter Monaro	11	2	4	5	17	29	8
Wollongong Mace	13	2	3	8	10	21	7

RESULTS OF ROUND 13

KU-RING-GAI - INTER MOANRO (pp)
MANLY WARRINGAH 1(Ferguson) WOLLONGONG CITY 2(Brodniak, Ainsworth pen)
URUGUAYAN PENRITH 1(Bourke) SUTHERLAND SHIRE 1(Harrington)
ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2(Dounis, Genovese) NEWCASTLE 1(Gresham)
WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0 WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 0
CANBERRA CITY 2(Palacios, Junia) BLACKTOWN CITY 0 CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE 0 MELITA EAGLES 3(Brown 2, Vial, 3)



LES SCHEINFUG

two goal-posts. Had these two gone in Greg would have been in the lead.

Randell Easthorpe, the present top scorer, was denied a goal last Sunday. His header from more than 30 metres out sailed over the head of the keeper but the goal was disallowed for offside.

Tough luck Randell! TOP SCORERS: 8: Easthorpe(WC), 7: G. Brown(ME), R. Giraldi(WC), Jeffery(K), 6: A. Reis(CG), McKie(UP), 5: Van Blerk, Thornthwaite, Kay, Reynolds(BC), Gonzales(CG), Clamaroti(MW), Vial(ME), Penfold, Caisley(N), Battaglin(UP), Ainsworth(WC).

One cannot help thinking that the spectators of the State League are forgotten even by the Australian Soccer Federation.

For Melita Eagles and the supporters all we want is to achieve good results.

One would think that the authorities would appoint unbiased referees. All they had to do is check the placing of the two teams and give the supporters of both teams value for money.

But no, the referee had to spoil the game from start to finish. Decisions were aimed to provoke suppor-

ters. If it wasn't for our senior officials the successful afternoon would have finished with a riot.

Successful because despite the referee, Melita won the game 2-1. The question with our supporters is not, if we are going to win, but who is the Referee?

For myself, not only do I see the game as a spectator, but I have been trained to see it as a Referee, so come on mates, fair-go.

J.V. Rizzo,
Smithfield

I WAS rather surprised to read the article in Australian

Soccer (19.5.87) under the heading "Strife at Melita" and I was amazed at how the truth can be twisted.

True enough, the trouble did arise because of the referee Roger Doneau, but not because of the referee handing out 4 yellow cards to the Melita players, but because I believe he applied two sets of rules. He could easily have given the Wollongong team as many cards for rough and dangerous play.

In my view if Wollongong were wearing the red and white of Melita, he would have handed out many

more cards.

The only attack the referee came under was by verbal abuse, and in my opinion this type of referee should not be permitted to take control of any important games, as he could easily bring the good name of Soccer into disrepute through his inconsistency.

Sir, I was really disappointed, not with the Melita fans and supporters, but with the referee and the reporting in your paper.

J. Deguara
Sylvania Hts

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FAVOURITES TO TAKE THE BOOTY

STATE Bank League leaders are set to take the points in round 14. Wollongong City is to take on Uruguayan Penrith at Wollongong Showground this Saturday in a match which the Wolves must win to stay in touch with the leading bunch.

City's coach, John Fleming is determined to take the title to Wollongong. He was confident of having Peter Kotamanidis back in the ranks next Saturday to bolster his ranks.

Last time the two sides met at Cook Park the visitors trailed but managed to take both points winning 3-2 with Jeff Ainsworth scoring a superb 30 metre goal.

It might take another effort like that one to beat this strong Uruguayan Penrith side.

Another Saturday fixture will find Newcastle against Wollongong Macedonia. Newcastle took the points down south earlier in the season after a freakish effort saw the ball elude Macedonian keeper from 45 metres

out!

Peter Willis, the new Wollongong Macedonia coach, will have three Yugoslav imports on hand to test this young Newcastle side and this could be the deciding factor in the end.

Melita Eagles are set to destroy Inter Monaro at Melita Stadium. Three goals in each of the last two outings should serve as a reminder to most opponents in the weeks to come and four goals for Greg Brown in the last two weeks must make him the man to fear.

Canberra Griffins will have little trouble against Canterbury Marrickville at Bruce Stadium. Palacios and co will face troubled Canterbury with all guns blazing and with the

Berries having to reshuffle its side due to the loss of Radman and Borges it will be one way traffic.

Warringah Freshwater, much improved and full of running, are going to prove a stumbling block for the League leaders at Grampians Reserve.

However, I believe that Lee, Cotton, Kay, Thorntwaite and Ellern will have too much speed for the locals with the outcome a forgone conclusion.

Ku-Ring-Gai is set to take revenge on Manly Warringah at Parklands. Glen Jeffrey, Craig Bass and Mark Nile with a full two weeks rest will be keen to destroy its Northern Districts opponent and I believe that the locals will have little trouble



ROY COTTON



O'SHEA BROTHERS

Sponsored by LANDCOM Yugal is one of the front runners in the NSW second division.



YUGAL: Volar(Ass.coach), Coldarevic, Watson, S.Tanovski, Triantafilou, Tomasic, Blilo, Banica, Hodzic(manager). (Front Row): Ziras, Hannam, Sunjic, Travini, Card, Marton.

TEAMS ARE SATISFIED

AN ENTERTAINING game at Cook Park with two superb goals and Uruguayan Penrith and Sutherland well satisfied with the spoils at the end of the game.

The game looked destined to end in a 0-0 draw until Martin Bourke drew forward to pick up a loose ball some 35 metres from goal and produced a thunderbolt which rocketed past Burchmore to give the home side a 1-0 lead with only 15 minutes left for play.

Sutherland came back strongly and equalised through Mark Harrington. A loose ball eluded many legs, came off Hoare and fell favourably for Harrington, who slammed it into the net in the 80th.

From then on it was all Sutherland as the visitors drove forward looking for

both points. However, Hoare stood tall in goal for the home side and the game ended in 1-1.

Both keepers could be 'blamed' for the low scoring as Burchmore at one end and Hoare at the other made some effective saves.

Craig Hall must have thought he had his name on the scoresheet as he let fly early but Hoare made a superb save.

Burchmore made some fine saves at the other end to deny the goal hungry locals, while the defences of both sides appeared to have the edge over the striking force.

Caban and Hall proved a handful on a few occasions

but seldom managed to break the tight, neat defensive set-up of Penrith.

PENRITH: Hoare, Ganciani, O'Donnell, Bourke, Tomasich, Bradley, Hunter (Batten 52nd), Thompson (Brown 76th), Genc, McKie.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R.O'Shea, Terry, Seiler, Cox (Harrington 32nd), J.O'Shea, Meades, Sharpe, Lerond (83rd Parsons), Hall, Caban.

Avala had all the chances but failed to find the net in a 0-0 draw against Dee Why to remain close to the bottom of the League.

Avala and Yugal are set to meet twice this weekend with the first next Saturday at Mona Park and the return clash at Knight Park the following day.

Fairy Meadow and North Bankstown drew to remain close to the top, while Bathurst improved its position at the expense of Artarmon defeating the North Sydney outfit 5-1 at Proctor Park.

Gladesville and Nth Syd Art SSC Yugal

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Tommy Cumming (right) battles for the ball with Paul Lewis.

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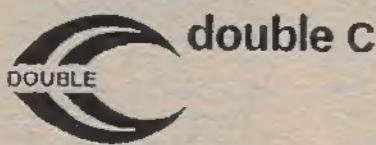


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MARIBYRNONG Polonia retained its lead on goal-difference over title favourites Green Gully as both teams played out draws at the weekend.

Gully though have a game in hand and have the opportunity next weekend to draw ahead as Polonia play a friendly against the Institute of Sport.

Back to full strength, Thomastown travelled to Fawkner and came away

from the big Italian derby with both points thanks to a Kevin Carfora goal on the stroke of half-time.

Two goals from Peter Kadlecik earned Broadmeadows victory in its relegation-zone clash with Northcote.

Both teams have had

new coaches appointed since the season began, Bill Podlewski and Frank Munro respectively.

The other team with a new coach, Oakleigh, returned to winning ways with a 2-1 triumph at Croydon.

While new coach Tom

JOHN MANGAN'S
*overview of the
Victorian State
League matches*

Robertson held the reins for his second game, his predecessor, Kris Kalifatidis returned to make a crucial contribution in defence for the team.

WE SHOULD HAVE WON

"WE SHOULD have beaten Green Gully," declared Western Suburbs' coach Jim Condilis after his team's 1-1 draw at Green Gully Reserve on Saturday.

"We played some very good football and created a lot of chances despite the fact that we were without two of our most experienced players - David Smallman and Brendan Farmer."

Farmer has told his coach that he wants to escape the pressure of the State League and play with Melton in the first division of the Provisional League.

Meanwhile, a cloud hangs over the future of

Smallman, the former Everton star and Welsh international, as new work commitments have prevented him attending training recently.

The clash saw the return of Tommy Cumming and Colin Quigley to the Gully line-up.

Suburbs could have taken the lead in the 20th minute when Liam McClusky headed a Sammy Pierce cross into the back of the net

but was deemed to be offside.

But it was Joe Sweeney who opened the scoring adding to his goal-tally in the 65th minute when he met a cross from David Hogben side-footing it into the net from the penalty-spot.

But 20 minutes from time Western Suburbs equalised when substitute Minh Tri Vo capitalised on confusion between Gully defender Les Carter and keeper Lou De-

nys to nip in and slot the ball into the empty net.

Said Gully striker Joe Sweeney: "The ball just didn't break for us. Even though we've been getting good results, we have yet to play to our full potential."

GREEN GULLY: Denya, Hogben, Douglas, O'Donnell, Cannell, McLellan, Quigley, Grimaud, Carter, T.Cumming, Sweeney.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitis, Macleod, Kagogliou, Hamill, Dimovski, Tuck, Cullen, Esposito, Kotsanis (Minh 50th), Pierce, McClusky.

KADLECIK SEALS WIN

TWO goals by Peter Kadlecik sealed a 2-0 victory for Broadmeadows in its bottom-of-the-table clash with Northcote.

With Tony Ciantar suspended for accumulated yellow cards, Broadmeadows coach Bill Podlewski called on Dougie Blair to fill the fullback position.

The first-half was a relatively even affair with no clear-cut opportunities presenting themselves to either outfit.

Broadmeadows got off to a good start in the second-half though when, in the 48th

minute, Terry Nolan took the ball wide on the right and drilled a ball in at the near post.

Though Northcote keeper John Giannopoulos appeared to have the cross covered, he split it and Kadlecik was on the spot to head home the loose ball.

Two minutes later Joe Vizzini blew a chance to go further ahead when he ran onto a long ball out of midfield.

With the option of chipping Giannopoulos who was racing out of his goalmouth, Vizzini chose to drag the ball down and, having dribbled deftly round the keeper, proceeded to calmly slot the ball three metres wide of the goal!

Northcote threw everything at the home team but Kadlecik put the result beyond doubt when in the 68th minute he rose to another Nolan cross to head

home from the penalty spot.

With Kenny Drakeford pushing forward from the back Frank Munro's visitors refused to give up battling right up to the final whistle but could get nothing to show for it.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Smart, D.Blair, Donaldson, Higham, S.Blair, Vizzini, P.Kadlecik, Gregorczyk, Nolan, Edmondson.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos, Cutler, Constantinou, A.Patiotis, Kouremenos, Toro, Drakeford, Tsangas (Espanon 54th), Toal Small 75th), Ramos, Bekiaris.

VICTORIAN SOCCER — AMATEUR LEAGUE

SUNDAY JUNE 7

	FIRSTS	RESERVES		FIRSTS	RESERVES	
Latrobe Uni	9 6 2 1 36 20 14	Waverley Wndrs	9 8 1 0 43 7 17	Anstey United	9 0 0 1 28 8 16	
Hawthorn Utd	9 5 2 2 18 10 12	Northern Stars	9 7 1 1 25 16 15	Yarra United	7 5 1 1 25 9 11	
Philip Inst	9 4 1 1 16 9 12	Latrobe Uni	9 6 0 3 15 18 12	Kelvin United	7 4 2 1 13 8 10	
Waverley Wndrs	9 4 3 2 29 18 11	Endeavour Hills	9 5 2 2 19 18 12	Upfield	7 3 3 1 31 15 9	
East Altona	9 5 1 3 22 19 11	Philip Inst	9 5 1 3 28 13 11	RMIT	8 5 0 3 25 19 10	
Melbourne Uni	9 4 3 2 18 19 11	East Altona	9 4 1 4 30 16 9	Camberwell GMR	7 4 1 2 23 15 9	
Balwyn City	9 3 3 3 23 19 9	Hawthorn Utd	9 4 1 4 20 21 9	RMIT	8 3 3 2 18 16 9	
Epping Thistle	9 4 1 4 16 16 9	Balwyn City	9 4 1 4 18 20 9	Intercity	7 3 1 3 16 12 7	
Collingwood Cy	9 2 5 2 15 17 9	Collingwood Cy	9 3 1 5 16 21 7	Diggers Rest	9 3 0 6 16 24 7	
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Northern Subs	9 3 2 4 10 13 8	Northern Subs	9 3 1 5 12 21 7	Concorde	9 3 0 6 16 24 6	
Maccabi	9 2 1 6 9 22 5	Epping Thistle	9 2 2 5 13 25 6	Old Scotch	7 2 1 4 9 15 5	
Endeavour Hills	9 1 2 6 12 17 4	Maccabi	9 1 3 5 13 27 5	Old Paradians	7 0 4 3 9 25 4	
Diamond Valley	9 1 1 7 10 32 3	Diamond Valley	9 0 0 9 7 37 0	Oakleigh United	7 0 3 4 12 23 3	
				East Richmond	8 0 1 7 4 36 1	
					Oakleigh United	6 0 0 6 4 31 0

A TIRED AIS FALTERS

A TIRED AIS team failed to live up to its free-scoring reputation at Box Hill on Saturday as the game petered out to a 0-0 draw.

Jason Polak, Alistair Edwards, Alex Cumming and John Koch had all spent the week in camp with the Australian Youth team and were visibly fatigued in a game which was dominated by the defences.

Nevertheless, the play swung from end to end and the game remained fairly open.

The best chance of the day came early when a Box Hill free-kick went wide and was driven back into the box deceiving Institute keeper David Mower and hitting the

post, in the 10th minute.

As no goals were scored and no points accumulated on the Buffalo State League table, the most significant consequence of the game was the injuries it produced.

Box Hill's recent import, Stewart MacArthur was taken to hospital for stitches to his lip and AIS striker Paul Foster will be sidelined for a few weeks at least after tearing his cruciate ligament.

AIS: Mower, C.Foster, Mills, Horvath, Riddell, Gibson, Clarkson, Polak Koch ht, P.Foster, Edwards (A.Cumming ht), Welch.

STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribyrnong	14	8	4	2	26	16 20
Green Gully	13	7	6	0	19	10 20
Fawkner	13	7	3	3	20	13 17
Caulfield City	13	6	5	2	17	10 17
St. Albans	13	7	3	3	20	15 17
Thomastown	13	5	3	5	14	18 13
Box Hill	13	3	6	4	15	13 12
Oakleigh	13	5	2	6	21	11 12
Frankston Pines	13	5	2	6	19	22 12
Springvale City	13	3	5	5	14	16 11
Western Suburbs	13	4	3	6	17	20 11
Croydon City	14	2	6	6	13	20 10
Morwell Falcons	13	2	5	6	11	15 9
Broadmeadows	13	3	2	8	15	20 8
Northcote City	13	3	1	9	9	25 7

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NEW COACH IS A GOOD SPUR

OAKLEIGH put on an impressive display under new coach Tom Robertson to come away from Croydon on Saturday with a 2-1 win.

The visitors went into the game weakened by the absence of John Cullen who broke a rib last week against Green Gully, and Nick Gourlias who had accumulated sufficient penalty points in both senior and reserve games to earn him a suspension.

Meanwhile Croydon fielded new signing from Preston, Nick van Egmond, and retained Gary Cole who is set to move to Canberra when his appointment at the Institute of Sport is finalised.

Cole was involved in the opening goal when, in the 25th minute, he nodded a high ball down in the box to team-mate Graham French who slammed the ball past keeper Michael Ioakamidis from close range.

Inspired by the goal Croydon pushed forward for

another one but Oakleigh's defence was steadfast.

Then, 10 minutes before halftime the visitors struck back when Jim Paparas and Stevie Irvine constructed a move down the right flank sending the ball to Jimmy Ross.

Ross cut the ball back to Michael Laetas whose cross lured the Croydon keeper out of his goalmouth giving Ally Dick the opportunity to nip in and nod it over his head.

Five minutes after half-time John Guscic sent a beautiful ball through to Chris Andriotis, splitting the defence wide open and Andriotis made no mistake.

"We played some good football today," said Robertson after the game. "The team's not settled yet but I

was happy to get the two points."

CROYDON: Nobile, M. Brown, O'Reilly, Brack, Beech, Redmond, van Egmond, Cole, Brogan, French, Livingstone.

OAKLEIGH: Ioakamidis, Laki, Langsbury, Kalafatidis, Laetas, Paparas, Ross, J. Guscic, Dick, Irvine, C. Andriotis.



GARY COLE

VALE LOSE IN LAST MINUTE

HAVING survived a controversial penalty decision, Springvale lost 1-0 at St Albans Dinamo to a goal in the last minute of the game.

While the first half proved a stalemate, Dinamo became increasingly adventurous as the second-half unfolded.

With young Ivan Kelic accompanying Dennis Morovic up front Dinamo coach Tony Vrzina was able to keep Goran Runje in the back-line propping up his team's injury-ridden defence.

Springvale's plans to soak up the Dinamo pressure and earn an away draw seemed wrecked in the 75th minute when the referee awarded a penalty against Michael Bissinger for handball.

While Springvale fans considered the decision harsh, their dismay turned to delight as keeper Dennis Boland, perhaps inspired by Jeff Oliver's feats against Everton midweek, saved the crucial spot-kick.

Dinamo refused to let the Vales off the hook though and in the dying minutes striker Morovic latched onto a ball which broke in the penalty area, hitting a shot which Boland could only deflect as it crashed into the back of the net.

"I was disappointed with the result after keeping the scores level for so long," said Vales' coach Bobby McLachlan after the game, but all credit to Dinamo who really were on top for the last 35 minutes.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Runje, Kuzman, Colina, Wilson, Cutina, Duzel, Batinovic, Rastocic, Morovic, Kelic.

SPRINGVALE: Boland, Kral, Vogel, Bissinger, Hobson, Williams, Swinscoe, Bell, Stewart, Vesic (Garvey 70th), House.

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SOCEROOS RESULT AGAINST EVERTON

THE Winfield Socceroos have further enhanced their reputation against British Clubs by winning the Nissan Challenge Cup.

BY TIM WHITE
Victoria's Director
of Coaching.

The Socceroos pushed forward a bit more and inevitably Everton had a bit more room to build up. This they did with great style with motorman Peter Reid very prominent.

But the best thing to happen to the game suddenly came when Robbie Dunn headed Australia into the lead.

Incidentally this goal could have come minutes earlier when McDowell got into a similar position and tried to head across goal instead of being more direct.

Everton did not plug the gap and a nicely driven corner from Kalantzis was duly finished off. This was the signal for an excellent finish.

It was necessary to get a result in the game and of course the penalties decided it.

I guess its arguable whether Jeff Oliver made good saves or Everton took bad penalties but nobody can take credit away from Oliver for that save three minutes before the finish from a Trevor Steven piledriver.

The record books will show a win for the national team. They will mention nothing about the entertainment value.

Its all a question of priorities.

VICTORIAN FIXTURES

VIC STATE LEAGUE
SATURDAY JUNE 13th RD 15
Oakleigh v Broadmeadows,
Northcote City v St Albans, Mor-
well Falcons v Caulfield City.

VIC STATE LEAGUE
SUNDAY JUNE 14th
Springvale City v Fawkner,
Green Gully v Croydon City, Tho-
mastown v Frankston Pines,
Maribyrnong v AIS, Box Hill v West-
ern Suburbs.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 1
SATURDAY JUNE 13th RD 12
Bulleen v Sunbury United, North
Dandenong v Sm Mordialloc, Knox
City v Albion Rovers, Altona Gate v
Richmond, Doncaster Rovers v
Ringwood City.

SUNDAY JUNE 14th
Werribee v Sandringham City, Mel-
bourne v Nunawading City.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 2
SATURDAY JUNE 13th RD 12
Sandringham v Eltham, Hamlyn
Rangers v Ringwood United, Dan-
denong City v Prahran City,
Waverley City v North Geelong,
Altona City v Mornington, West-
gate v Doveton, Clifton Hill v
Mooroolbark.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 3
SATURDAY JUNE 13th RD 12
Yallourn v Clarinda, Ferntree
Gully v West Brunswick, Bell Park
v Yarraville, Keilor v Springvale
United, Moreland Park Rangers v
Rosanna, Moorabbin City v Corio-
Geelong United, Port Melbourne v
Geelong.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 4
SATURDAY JUNE 13th RD 12
Seaford v Holland Park, East
Brunswick v Pascoe Vale, Karingal
United v Williamstown, Boronia
v Prahran, Coburg v Labor United,
Hawthorn v Langwarrin, Diamond
Valley Utd v Keysborough.



Morwell's Ian Stirton.



MIRON BLEIBERG.

sive barrier and in the end Polonia almost snatched a winner when, with a minute to go, Greg Warszawski streaked through the middle only to see his shot hit the post.

The rebound fell to substitute Alex Marshall who was closed down on and blasted his shot wide.

CAULFIELD: Madjer, Filipou, Michal, Harris, Theoharous, Hamakiotis, Bitsionis, Griffin, Theodosopoulos (Xynas 70th), Pappas, Deligiannis.

POLONIA: Kiss, Liplarski, Smolarek (Laki 65th), Bennett, Kotzamialis, Flavell, R. Nelson, Czapnik (Marshall 70th), Wycislik, Warszawski, Storm.

Three minutes before halftime though, Polonia equalised when Peter Czapnik met a cross from the right wing steering it past keeper Robert Madjer.

The second-half was all Caulfield as Polonia coach Miron Bleiberg instructed his team to concentrate on testing the home team on the break.

Caulfield couldn't break through the visitors' defen-



CHIT CHAT

MERVYN Duff, who was selected in the ill-fated 1975 Australian Schoolboys side to tour Britain and didn't go back into football again after a couple of years lay off. He is doing well at the back for the Wallsend Red Devils.

REDHEAD Stu Ahrens played his 250th game for Toronto-Awaba against Cessnock a couple of weeks ago.

RAY Lloyd the former Northern NSW Socceroo is doing a fine job again with the Lake Macquarie Roosters, despite losing about seven top players from last year.

NORTHERN NSW Soccer lost a good friend of the code when Theo Wolthers died recently. He did a lot for Soccer and was an administrator with the Lake Macquarie Club for some time.

FORMER Newcastle Australian stalwart Sam Gordon is back in Newcastle after a time back in the Old Country and New Zealand.

He is currently coaching Dudley-Redhead United in the Third Division.

RADE Stevanovski was born in Bitola, Yugoslavia, in 1958 and came to Australia in 1982 to join Wollongong United. He joined the 'Wolves' during 1984 after a protracted transfer case and regards joining our club as a highlight in his Soccer career. Rade is married to Vera and the family now live in Berkley.

Rade is equally at home as right or left winger and is dubbed "the entertainer" and has given the Wolves supporters many exciting moments.

HOWARD Tredinnick is another former NSL player back in Northern NSW State First Division along with others like Neville Power, John McQuarrie, Neil Owen and Sean Ingham.

Their presence has really lifted the standard of football.

Local followers have, in the main, yet to be convinced that the team playing in another state is actually in a stronger league.

MALCOLM McClelland is out of Soccer indefinitely. His ankle injury has just refused to heal — a big loss for Highfields and Northern NSW.

JOE Senkalski is giving his best in the coaching field. He and Wallsend coach Bruce Tracey recently gained their Level Three certificate.

WARWICK Young was born in Wollongong in 1959 and is one of the famous 'Young' footballing family. Brother Craig is the captain of St George rugby league club and father Bob an ex-international Soccer player of Corinal Rangers fame in the 1950s. Warwick had a year with St George in the NSL before joining Fairy Meadow in 1985 and then coming to the Wollongong Wolves at the start of the 1986 season. He is an electrical technician and drives Australia's most famous car, the Kingswood.

Warwick is still single, but engaged to be married to Bellinda, who is obviously his most ardent fan. A highlight in Warwick's Soccer career was playing in the State League Grand Final with Fairy Meadow in 1985.

TORONTO-Awaba have been scorching the field in the Northern NSW State Second Division. With Brett Cowburn back home the Scorpions are really on fire.



The Executive Director of the Victorian Soccer Federation Mr George Wallace and the Socceroo keeper Jeff Olver draw another name from the barrel, in 3EA's competition for the Australia-Everton game.

JOE Mullen is treading dangerous ground.

The Adelaide City striker is on 11 penalty points with one to go for automatic suspension.

The problem with the City players is that they can collect bookings playing for their reserve team in the SA Second Division and they are recognised by the NSL.

Mullen made a comeback there after injury, as do many of the City men.

The problem arises when the opposition players set out to show the NSL player they are just as good.

FORMER Socceroo Johnny Perin had some comforting words for Adelaide City's Sergio Melita, dropped from the Socceroo squad when it reached the final 18.

Coaching co-ordinator for City, Perin told the midfielder that he had gone through the same trauma when he was in the national squad.

"As long as you are a South Australian it will be hard to break into the Socceros," said Perin.

"I told Serg to keep lugging away, and if his form holds he will get another chance."

SCOT David Dickinson is training with Adelaide City on a trial basis.

He is in SA on holiday visiting relatives, but is interested in settling here.

A stocky full back, he is just the type of player coach Zoran Matic is looking for to lift his squad.

The 25-year-old starred for Johnstone Burgh in the Scottish Central League and has impressed in training, but admits he has not caught up with the locals as far as fitness is concerned.

He had a six-week break after the Scottish season.

"You can tell Dickinson has played the game before and we are impressed so far," said City coaching co-ordinator Johnny Perin.

"Once he feels he is fully fit we can assess his ability, and he will also have had time to see if he likes our set-up and if he can fit into our style of play."

Dickinson got a shock the first time he saw City. It was the reserve team, which plays in the SA Second Division, but with six NSL players in the lineup.

They lost 1-0 to Seaford!

But the next time out was against Croatia in the NSL in Sydney and the Scot saw the match of the day on TV and got an entirely different impression of the Australian champions who won 3-2.

BACK to the subject of food. Another to "suffer" (only for a short while, mind you) during the Apia night was WENSL executive director Stefan Kamasz.

Stefan, for quite obvious reasons, has been put on a diet by his lovely wife involving eating plenty of vegetables.

Before the night began he told all and sundry that he was on a diet and would stick rigidly to it and didn't care what was on the menu.

Needless to say, Stefan weakened considerably — as we all knew he would — and tucked into the food like there was no tomorrow.

"Don't tell my wife," he pleaded later.

Sorry, Stefan, but it is for your own good.

We need you to be fit for our next press match.

SOCEROOS LIVE ON SBS-TV

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SBS-TV will be bringing live telecasts of Australia's matches in the President's Cup being played this week in Korea.

Executive Sports Producer of SBS-TV, Mr Gary Thornthwaite, together with Soccer presenter, Les Murray, flew to Korea late last week to set up the telecasts.

Mr Thornthwaite told ASW before his departure:

"We have always aimed to bring in the best for our Soccer viewers. We will be tracking all of the Socceros' matches in this President's Cup.

"Should Australia qualify for the semis after the first round robin of matches, we will cover them as well."

The Socceros' third match will be played on Saturday (June 13th) against Irish club, Shamrock Rovers. The match will be delayed-telecast the same evening at 10.45pm.

The fourth match for the Socceros will be against Korea B to be played next Monday (June 15th) and delayed telecast the same night at 10.55pm.

The Socceros' fifth and final match of the round robin is against the Dutch Club, Fortuna Sittard next



SBS Executive-Sports Producer, Gary Thornthwaite.

The President's Cup will be battled out amongst 12 teams.

Cup favourites at this stage are Korea's B team, Morocco and Australia.

Korea's B team is the World Cup side that played in Mexico. Korea's A team is the Olympic side being prepared for next year's Olympic games.

Australia's first match was played yesterday against Morocco.

The Socceros' second game to be played tomorrow (Thursday) will be against Chile and telecast live at 1.25pm by SBS-TV. A full replay will be screened tomorrow night at 11.05pm.

Wednesday, June 17th. This match will be screened Live at 1.25pm with a full replay the same evening going to air at 10.30pm.

The semis and finals will be played at the Olympic Stadium in Seoul on Friday, June 19th and Sunday, June 21st.

Australia's first match against Morocco yesterday was screened live by SBS-TV at 1.25pm and the full replay was screened last night at 11.05pm.

Match commentary will be done by Les Murray, while Andrew Paschalidis and Johnny Warren will be presenting the Cup matches from Sydney's SBS studios.

WARREN WINS TV DEBATE

JOHNNY WARREN, former Australian World Cup captain, ASW columnist and media personality, more than carried the day for Soccer in a television debate over which is the top football code.

He was pitted against three personalities from other codes on the top-rating Channel 9 Ray Martin Show this week.

Opposing Warren were Alan Jones, Australia's volatile rugby union coach, radio's rugby league heavyweight Peter Peters and Lou Richards, Aussie Rules' vocal TV commentator.

Despite Ray Martin's repeated interruptions, Warren won the battle for Soccer hands down.

His stand for Soccer was aided by the fact that Channel 9 showed clips of violent play in rules and league, with bone-crushing head high and spear tackles.

Martin suggested to Warren that Soccer was not a violent sport and that it would appeal to mothers who would prefer their children to play Soccer.

But Warren, who could have made mince meat out of his opponents with such video-clips, diplomatically refused to take advantage of the telltale footage, allowing the viewers to judge for themselves without rubbing salt into the wound.

Jones kicked off his attack first, highlighting the claimed merits of rugby union and how it costs players as well as himself to represent Australia.

Jones also hit out with the point that union is now played in over 100 countries.

Peters, fighting for league, argued that crowds this year are up 40 per cent so far, making that code the best in Australian football.

Rules man Richards stung back with superior statistics achieved by the "tall men", claiming crowds of over 120,000 on weekends at club matches in Melbourne.

The bolterous Richards, who presents rules for Channel 9 from Melbourne, arrogantly bulldozed his way through the debate.

He boasted that Aussie rules was an Australian game invented for Australians.

He added, somewhat ill-informed, that rules players looked and were organised better than other foot-



TERRY GREEDY in action for Australia against Scotland in 1985.

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AUSTRALIAN Soccer's problems could be solved overnight if it could provide club football of the standard provided by the recent Sydney Croatia v Adelaide City match at the Croatian Sports Centre, Sydney.

We can talk about publicity, marketing, the rotten deal we generally get from the Australian media but when it all boils down it really

is about the standard of play — the entertainment value our leading clubs can turn on week in week out.

And for my money the

Sydney Croatia-Adelaide City match proved that when two skilful teams are committed to a result, Australian Soccer can provide the goods.

The beauty of our world game is that we all see it differently.

For example a few nights earlier we saw the Sydney Croatia-Heidelberg and Sydney Croatia-Adelaide City matches had tones to

ground and this was another match I rated highly.

Speaking to national youth coach Les Scheinflug later that evening, he thought it was a terrible game.

I saw it exactly the reverse.

For mine both the Sydney Croatia-Heidelberg and Sydney Croatia-Adelaide City matches had tones to

offer even the most discerning Soccer fan.

It was no coincidence that both matches had similar ingredients:

1. The away teams — Heidelberg and Adelaide City BOTH came to the Croatian Sports Centre in a positive mood. Both were looking for two winning points NOT the standard away philosophy of one will

do, if we can pinch or sneak a 1-0 win all the better and forget the paying public.

The solution to this mentality is very simple — change next year's West National Soccer League to three points for a win, one for a draw and nil for a loss.

2. Both games were handled by referee Arthur Owens — for my money one of the best referees, on what I have seen this year. Without taking anything from Owens, who was one of the few to allow the natural advantage despite the previous foul, both teams in both games played the game as it should be — in a fair, yet competitive manner.

3. All three teams were under the influence of central European coaches all of whom have a wordly view of the game.

4. All teams tried to "play" football. There was an absence of professional fouls and butchering tactics.

5. All teams had skilful, entertaining players who were allowed by the atmosphere of the game and the referee, to express their skills.

The result was two entertaining games. The Sydney Croatia-Adelaide City one being by far the best covered by SBS Match of the Day cameras.

The message in all of this is that we have to provide a minimum standard of these games to penetrate the Australian media.

We have to encourage teams to play in a positive manner away from home



FORMER SOCCEROO skipper JOHNNY WARREN reviews the action-packed Adcity-Syd Croatia match in his ASW column this week

(three points for a win perhaps) we have to encourage modern referees, we have to encourage coaches and teams who play skilful Soccer and we have to protect skilful players.

In simple terms, anything that has to do with the entertainment value of our game we have to encourage

★ ★ *

On this point it seems a relatively easy matter to help our referees by importing half a dozen or so of the world's top whistlers to spend a month or so here during the European off season.

As we all need help from the world's best I'm sure we would all benefit from the world's best referees spending a little time here.

And unlike the guest players, referees would not cost an arm and a leg!!

MURRAY OUTED FROM PRESTON

THE beginning of the end for Bill Murray at Preston came last Thursday night when he was called to a committee meeting to discuss team performance.

After an inconspicuous start to the season and an early exit from the Beach Fashions Cup, the Preston committee called Murray up again on Friday and asked him to step down.

The official statement from John Branov was: "We felt things were not going smoothly and that it is the appropriate time for a change."

Without elaborating it has been said that other factors were involved. Preston is now looking to appoint a new coach prior to the resumption of the National League season in a fort-

night.

"Of course I'm disappointed but I've had a long run and at least the club will get lasting benefit from the work I've done," said Murray.

Murray's assistant, Ernie Merrick, was given charge of the side for a practice match against Melbourne Croatia on Sunday.

Further to that, Preston captain Ian Dobson was also told on Friday night that he was on the transfer list and should no longer attend training.

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While perhaps not earth shattering news the boys in Canberra have shown that radio stations are receptive to Soccer should the Soccer people get off their backsides and approach them.

Recently the ABC supremo David Hill was the guest speaker at an ACT Soccer function at the City Club in Canberra.

Hill, a Soccer sympathiser who regularly plays the game, said that since taking over the reins at the ABC he had every sport under the sun "knocking down" his door to get a better ABC coverage of their sport.

Every sport that is expected Soccer who, Hill said, had never approached him.

The point in the Canberra success and the Hill comment is that Soccer doesn't knock on enough media doors.

We all sit back and expect it to happen as some God given right.

In Sydney Tom Anderson with 2GB, the ABC and myself with 2UE are to my knowledge the only radio coverage Soccer receives.

I am certain an approach to the many radio stations in Sydney or for that matter other areas would increase Soccer coverage in this productive medium.

The West End National Soccer League is letting itself and more importantly its supporters down with the lack of an efficient "progress scores from other grounds" service.

It would seem a relatively simple matter to provide this service which adds interest for those attending WENSL matches or those viewing SBS' Match of the Day programme.

Where the fault lies is anyone's guess but the simple fact is that there is no such complete service.

The only time this year where an efficient service was given to fans and SBS was at the APIA-Preston match at Belmore Oval.

Whether this was due to APIA organising themselves better than most or the superb communications system at Belmore Oval I don't know.

But it is an area which needs urgent attention from the WENSL.

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A SPECIAL MOMENT WITH GRAZIANI

FRANCESCO GRAZIANI, the tall, elegant former Italian World Cup striker, seemed overcome when he was introduced to 100 special guests, who had paid \$1000 a head, during an excellent evening at the Apia club last Tuesday night.

The dark-eyed Graziani, with thinning blond hair which tended to make him look older than his 34 years, made the trip to Sydney despite having had an operation to his left knee to remove the lateral cartilage.

He made the journey against his doctor's orders as well as against the wishes of his Italian club, Udinese.

Udinese wanted him to stay back in Italy and recuperate during the off-season.

With the aid of an interpreter I spoke to the quietly spoken Graziani after the lavish dinner.

The great man, who is married with two children, Gabriele 12 and Valentina 6, concentrated as I posed each question.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Within 10 minutes, the original group of three, had blown out to 20 as Soccer supporters had drifted across to listen in.

Born just nine days before Christmas in 1952 in the township of Subiaco in Rome, Francesco was always destined to become a professional Soccer player.

These are the few questions I asked the Italian

striker.

JE: How many clubs have you played for?

GRAZ: Arezzo, Torino, Fiorentina, Roma, Udinese. I was eight years at Torino and two with Udinese.

JE: What was the most memorable match you played in?

GRAZ: It was in 1977 when I played for Torino at home against German side, Stuttgart, in a European Cup game.

"We won 2-1 and I played what I consider the match of my life. With just five minutes to go I scored the winner."

JE: How did you feel

when you won the 1982 World Cup in Spain?

GRAZ: Just fantastic. It was the height of all my ambitions — you cannot go higher in World Soccer.

JE: What is your opinion of Enzo Bearzot?

GRAZ: He is a true friend to all players under him. He is a majestic coach of great character and very loyal.

JE: What was the main reason that Italy won the World Cup in Spain?

GRAZ: The unbelievable team spirit. Also, we had great tactics.

JE: How bad was your knee injury?

GRAZ: It had caused me great pain for a long time and I aggravated the injury recently which forced me to have it operated on.

JE: What players do you rate in the World?

GRAZ: Maradona of course would have to be the best. Then I personally like Falcao, Platini and Zico.

JE: What are your plans for next year?

GRAZ: I have another one year contract with Udinese.

JE: What about the future?

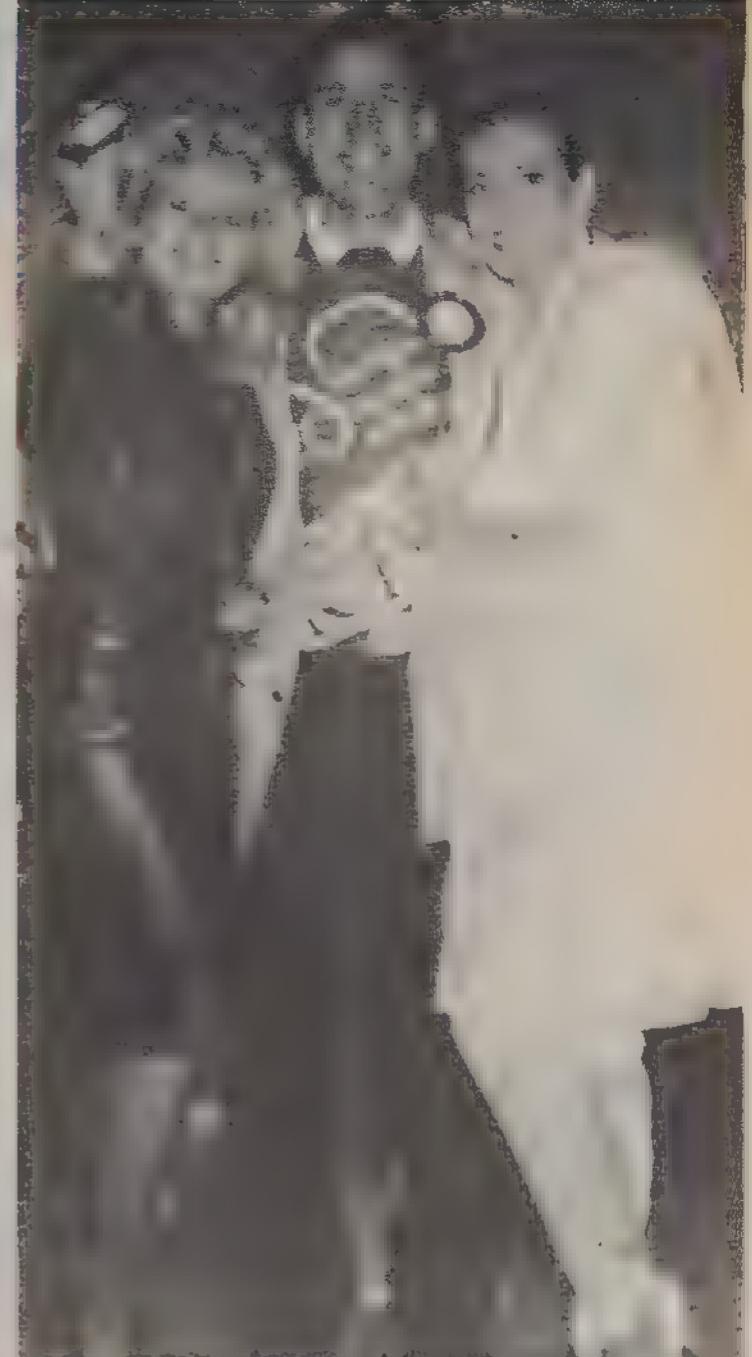
GRAZ: I really want to retire at the end of the 1988 season. Then I would like to come back to Australia and play a couple of games for Apia.

After that I don't know. At first I thought I would take up coaching, but the sacrifices are just as great as being a player and that would not be fair to my wife, Susanna.

JE: What advice have you to make to Australian Soccer fans?

GRAZ: For everybody connected with Soccer to unite and work for the sport. When you can do this, then Soccer will become the top sport in this country as it is in the rest of the World.

JE: Your advice to children playing Soccer in Australia?



GRAZIANI with two beautiful models.



FRANCESCO GRAZIANI, standing sixth from left, pictured with APIA club players and officials.

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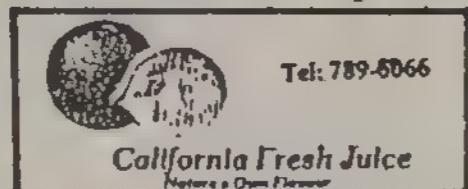
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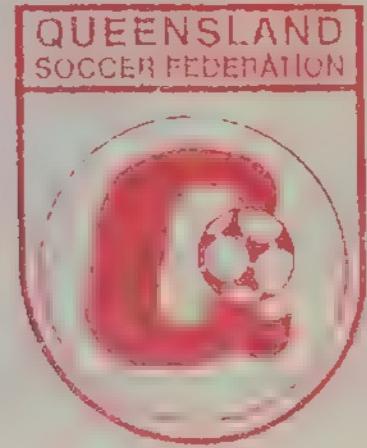
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REFLECTIONS ON A PLATINI THEME

THE retirement of Michel Platini deprives Soccer of one of its greatest ever players. Some people say that Alfredo Di Stefano was the greatest all round player the game has produced.

Platini, over a three to four year period, matched the great Argentine in my view.

It was during that climax to his career that Platini won three European Player of the Year awards.

That award is so hard to win.

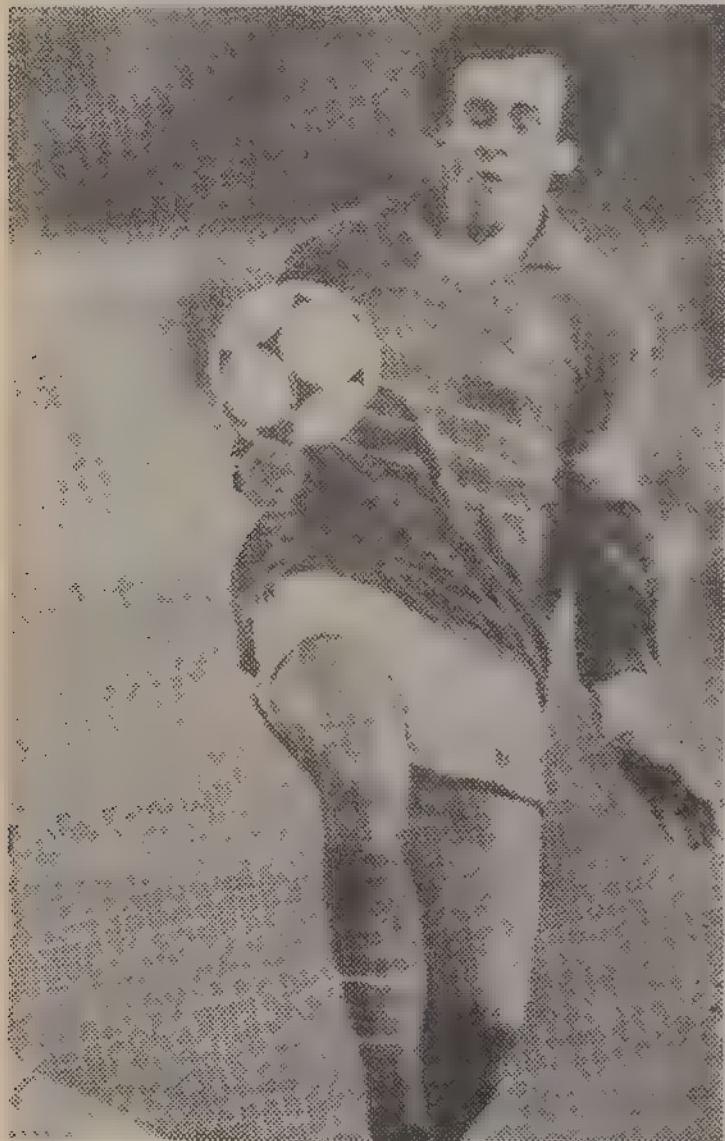
It establishes the winner as the world's best player outside of possibly, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, not forgetting the great goalscorer from Mexico, Hugo Sanchez of Real Madrid.

England skipper Bryan Robson, at times in recent years, has come close to matching Platini's all round talents.

Indeed, Robson is also a great ball winner which Platini never was.

However, Robson could not match the guile and intelligence of the play of Platini.

My impression of Platini was that he was an outstanding passer of the ball, brought about by his excellent vision and fine kicking skills.



MICHEL PLATINI — his retirement leaves a gaping hole in world Soccer.

But on watching several cameos of the Frenchman on television in the last few days, it was apparent that he was also a dynamic finisher.

Surprisingly, to me, he was very good in the air and scored many goals with his head.

Distribution

I played in England with the best passer of the ball that the English game has produced.

Name of Johnny Haynes, captain of England and of Fulham.

He told me that as a young man he decided to forget about goalscoring and concentrate on becoming the game's best provider of scoring chances.

I cannot begin to describe the quality of this man's passing.

Sufficient to say that so often I have seen him in the right-back position, with his back toward me on the left wing 60 metres away and he has turned and in virtually one movement landed the ball in my path just clearing the head of my marker.

As with Platini his short passing was just as deft, but because he rarely went in on goal himself, Haynes seldom played the wall pass in and around the penalty box.

Platini is a master at that skill.

Platini could dribble, but he was not a great dribbler.

Maradona is a fantastic dribbler, possibly the best of all time.

Diego is also a good passer.

I have never seen Maradona score with his head, though he may have done so. Nor can I remember him scoring with his right foot.

Will there ever be a player with the dribbling ability of Maradona, the finishing skills of Pele, the guile and passing ability of Platini and the ball winning, courage and fitness of Robson?

Possibly there will.

Di Stefano approached such all round ability.

Platini was the closest to it in modern times.

Is there another young Argentine down there in South America developing the ability to become the complete Soccer player?

He has the example of compatriots Maradona and De Stefano to spur him on.

Or will he come out of Germany, a Rummenigge and

‘ Could he ever be an Aussie? ’



DIEGO MARADONA — left to pick up the pieces after the Frenchman's departure.

Briegel combined.

Or another Stanley Mathews in England who could also score goals.

Could he even be an Aussie?

Craig Johnston would be a good model.

He has many skills, but not enough of them honed to world standard.

But what an example of heart and attitude.

So don't giggle when we suggest an Australian as the world's best Soccer player.

I have a young lad in my under 14 team at St George, whom I talked about at the beginning of the year as a great prospect.

Since that time he has driven me to distraction as he has tried to play like Maradona in every part of the field.

But last week against Sydney City he dribbled excellently, mostly in the most effective places, passed promptly, sometimes smartly, won the ball constantly and scored a very good goal.

‘ A young Don Bradman for Australian Soccer ’

He is of Greek decent, with a passion for the game.

Could not he, or one of the other equally talented young players now playing Soccer in this country, set the scene alight in a blaze of talent.

A young Don Bradman for Australian Soccer, before going overseas in the steps of David Mitchell, Eddie Krcic, Tony Dorigo and Craig Johnston to storm his way to greatness... Why not?



PELE leaps with Italy's Roberto Boninsegna during the 1970 World Cup Final.

LOOKING LIKE CHAMPIONS ONCE MORE — ADCITY

AT the beginning of the season I had a look AND speculated on where teams would finish in the National League. Champions Adelaide City were one team I tipped to finish below half way.

Naturally when speculating on positions you do that on having a look at what players clubs lose, what players clubs buy, and don't take into consideration injuries etc. that clubs might have during the season.

So Adelaide's position in my opinion was based on losing Steve Maxwell, the possibility of losing other players and not signing any new players.

After watching them against Sydney Croatia last week I would have to say how wrong can you be.

True, they haven't any big new signings, but they are still certainly a fine outfit.

Zoran Matic has done a great job at the club. The team has a nice blend and looks a well balanced outfit.

They are steady at the back with evergreen Bugsy

Nyskohous controlling his young defenders with authority.

They have some

tremendously skilful players

in midfield capable of dictating

the pace of the game, as

well as players with flair like

Santrac, Melia and Villani,

all capable of chipping in

with goals.

Up front Joe Mullen is getting

through a ton of work

and looks to be maturing into

a fine player and young Paul

Wilde scoring his first goal of

the season also looks the

goods.

Looking at them now I'd

certainly have to change my

early opinion and for Ade-

laide City I would say a top

four berth is well within their

capabilities, and if last

week's game is anything to

go on, they'll do it with style

as well.



NSW Director of Coaching and State coach ALAN VEST writes for ASW. This week the former New Zealand international looks at Adelaide City.

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ballers.

But Warren stunned the Channel 9 viewers with his classy presentation of Soccer. He bounced back off the ropes, reeling off with quiet, silky-smoothness, undisputable facts and figures.

"Soccer without doubt is the world game played in every single country on the globe."

"With Soccer, you have

as well as young children, women being able to play the game in full international fixtures.

"Soccer is a democratic sport, where sheer weight or size has no bearing."

"FIFA, the governing World Soccer body, has more members than the United Nations."

"Our game is played indoor as well as outdoor."

"The World Cup takes

two years to finalise the last 24 nations, and the finals are held every four years.

"It is the second biggest sporting event after the Olympic Games."

"None of this can be said about any other football code in the world, let alone in Australia."

"Warren took the debate - game, set and match for Soccer."

JE

THE expectations of some concerning the President's Cup in Korea have been deflated just a trifle with the news that certain countries are not sending their national teams — Chile for instance sent a Second Division XI — a side chosen of that Division, not a 'B' side, more like a C minus outfit.



GREG RUSSELL
covers the
Queensland
scene

NORTH'S GIVE WARNING

WITH the transfer deadline fast-approaching, XXXX League leaders North Star have warned their rivals to "keep their hands off" their all conquering team.

North Star believe they now have a squad capable of not only winning the league but also the NSL promotion play-offs at the end of the year. And they want to keep the squad together.

Already four North Star players are believed to have been approached or targeted by other clubs. They include goalkeepers Dave Gallagher and Noel Lord, experienced striker Alan Marley and young fullback Steve Rowell. Lord was even approached recently as he warmed up for his match.

"No-one is for sale at North Star, everybody is happy," said coach Ian Fagan.

"If any player is involved in transfer negotiations before the deadline then those negotiations would have had to be initiated by the interested club. And unless they go through the club, then that is poaching."

"The QSF has rules to deal with poaching and we will be demanding action be taken."

While everyone is on the lookout for players before the transfer deadline

It seems unlikely there will be much switching of clubs before June 30. The Brisbane market is now almost totally sewn up, and very few clubs have the money to offer the necessary sums to lure quality players north from Sydney and Melbourne.

Brisbane Lions, whose hopes of bouncing straight back to the NSL were dashed when beaten 2-1 by North Star recently, are the most likely to make a move before the deadline.

The club may buy a keeper to cover for the injured Rob Farrow, although youngster Jason Kearton has been filling in admirably, and is keen for a midfielder and striker.

The Richlands club tried to sign Mount Gravatt's State team midfielder Martin Kirsopp earlier this year and there has been some suggestion Lions could go back to Dittmer Park for another try.

But following Kirsopp's great tour of New Zealand, it is believed the Hawks' asking price has risen from \$10,000 to \$17,000 - and Lions believe that makes Kirsopp over-priced.

Lions are also looking overseas, but largely have their hands tied as they have their full quota of visa players.

ROBSON REALISES A LONG-TIME DREAM

WHEN England and Manchester United captain, BRYAN ROBSON, runs onto Perry Park this weekend to play for Queensland in the annual Interstate match against New South Wales, he will begin a much-desired chapter of his career which until now has been kept on hold.

Guest appearances, like this week's stay in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, are the icing on the cake for professional footballers like Robson. A trip Down Under, or to perhaps the Middle East or Asia, is the chance for a player to get away from the pressures of the English football rat-race and have an expenses paid holiday, while at the same time keeping in touch with the game.

For Robson, one of the finest footballers in our game today, such off-season excursions have been unthinkable. For the past four years the tough-tackling midfielder has nursed a shoulder injury, which more than once threatened to end his career. But six days in an Amsterdam clinic last year now seems to have solved the problem.

"They have told me I can play until at least 35 and should not be troubled by the shoulder again," said the 30-year-old Robson. That diagnosis had finally allowed Robson to get his more than deserved rewards, and his guest appearance this week is

certain to be one of his fondest memories of his career.

Although Robson appears to have beaten the injury jinx, which at one stage was so bad, the sharp-tongued English tabloid press labelled him a hypochondriac, the Queensland Soccer Federation is taking no chance. The England captain will be insured for \$4 million during his stay — just in case. That is likely to be the highest insurance cover taken out for any sportsman ever to play in Australia.

But the QSF is certainly hoping that everything goes well with Robson this week. There is even talk in some circles that if Robson enjoys his stay, an annual invitation could be offered. Indeed, several QSF officials would like to see Robson become Queensland's Craig Johnston with those in and outside of the code identifying him with Queensland when he appears on the British Soccer programs next season.

The QSF has certainly gone to great lengths this week to make Robson

accessible to the public. His program includes two training sessions with the Queensland team, numerous television and radio interviews and a Meet Bryan Robson night at Perry Park this Saturday.

More than 250 people are expected to attend the function, for which prices were sensibly set at just \$10 per head.

Despite the more-than-reasonable admission fee, everyone's pockets are still likely to be bulging with money as Robson's No. 7 England and Manchester United shirts will be auctioned as the highlight of the evening. Many other items of Soccer paraphernalia are also expected to go under the hammer.

Robson also will kick scores of autographed Soccerballs into the crowd, prior to Sunday's kick-off.

With the backing of the huge promotion, the QSF is tipping the biggest interstate game crowd ever. All that is needed now to cap the day is a Maroons victory.

SECOND DIVISION — IT'S VERY TOUGH

MANY rate the Brisbane Second Division as the hardest competition to win in Queensland — and it's certainly living up to that reputation this year.

With only the top side at the end of the fixtures gaining promotion to the XXXX League, there is an intense four-way battle currently being waged.

Juventus Trident currently holds the edge, but largely due to having played, at the time of writing, one more game than its rivals. But Acacia Ridge, Croatia and Wynnum are all poised to snare the lead at the first opportunity.

Juventus has been the perennial hard luck story in the promotion stakes. Twice the club has led the competition nearly the entire season then faltered in the final fixture to miss out by the narrowest of margins. The club has relied on a core of players like prolific goal-scorer Peter Carey, midfielder Dave "The Doog" Melia, and defenders Sam Dean and Shane Rideout, but this year has been strengthened by the inclusion of Irish import Noel Greenhalgh and the advancement to first team ranks of club products like Zino Spiteri and the Schiavo brothers, John and Paul, and Enzo Cupo.

Croatia are the club most desperate to get into the top division and have the backing of a huge sponsorship from Gyprock to boost their chances this year. The club's promotion chasing team includes former National League players, Mark Atmore, Joe Cairney, George Caird and Brett Beves along with regular Croatia campaigner Damir Ivica, Charlie Runje and a host of club youngsters.

Acacia Ridge were relegated out of the top division two years ago and have been battling to get back since. The club lost a lot of players when it made the drop, but have attracted many of them back to Proud

Field, and with a few other handy signings, look to be the darkhorses for promotion.

Their most successful signing has been former Queensland Youth team keeper Graham Ross, who has been outstanding between the sticks.

Other signings this year include former Annerley workhorse Dave Crane, under-rated striker Iain Fredrick and former Croatia player Frank Marenic. Back at the club after a stint with Lions is Norm Bell while club stalwarts Iain Proud, John Gillespie, Colin Burley,

XXXX COACHES QUESTIONED

TWO Queensland XXXX League coaches this week face investigations into recent clashes with referees.

North Star's Ian Fagan has been cited to appear before the QSF management committee after being reported by referee Alan Kibbler following an after-match verbal clash at O'Callaghan Park a fortnight ago. And Coalstars Brian Styles may be asked to answer to a referee's report after he entered the play and physically fronted referee Barry Norton at Lions a week ago.

But the upshot of the two investigations is that the spotlight has again been put on Queensland referees and widespread calls have been made for the men in black to lift their game.

Styles has been the most vocal of critics and has received support from a number of other coaches, included widely read columnist Eric Thompson, the Mount Gravatt coach.

"Everyone has been criticising referees for a long time but they all have insisted their remarks stay off-the-record. It's time some came out and said that there is a problem and the standard of refereeing in Brisbane is not good enough," Styles said.

Styles' outburst came after a game which saw his young fullback Dale Dawes taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg. Coalstars lost to Lions 2-3, but Styles claimed referee Norton made three bad decisions which allowed Lions to score three goals.

"He was in awe of the Lions players and gave them everything. I can accept being beaten if my team is beaten fairly. But we were not beaten by Lions in this game," Styles said.



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WISEMAN SCORING

CONCORDIA-Canberra, whose strong run has it well placed in the ACT Senior Soccer League's first division, learnt some of the hard facts of Soccer life when it recently crashed 8-1 to Belconnen United at Hawker.

Yet it began in the same manner which had brought it wins over Narrabundah and Canberra City Olympians and a draw with Juventus this season, Michael Fuderer giving it the lead in the 12th minute.

But United hit back. Colin Johnstone equalising, then a goal from Michael Wiseman sent it into the halftime break ahead.

In the second half it was a slaughter. Wiseman scored again, as did Johnstone, backed up by Michael Wiseman (2), Greg Roberts and Paul Chalmers to give United an 8-1 victory.

MADDAFARI'S MATCH

JUVENTUS's Frank Maddafari had a hand in all three of his side's goals in the 3-1 win over Canberra City Olympians at O'Connor Oval.

He was soon into action, getting the ball into the net after 30 seconds — a quick strike from which the Olympians never recovered.

After 20 minutes Maddafari was brought down in the penalty area and leading scorer Danny Serena added to his total from the spot.

In the second half former Fijian international Abdul Manaan picked up the ball on the half-way line, drew the defence to the left and then crossed for Maddafari to finish off.

Olympians had some consolation when set-piece specialist Mark Brogan placed a free kick out of the

reach of Juventus goalkeeper Geoff Watson.

Best for Juventus were Maddafari, Manaan and John Graham while for Olympians Peter Thompson put in a heap of work in midfield and young forward Steve Vanzetti did all the right things, without getting the service he deserved.

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ROY'S BIG WEEKEND

QUEEN'S Birthday weekend may be a relaxing time for most people, but Soccer coach Roy Thomson did not have time to put his feet up.

He spent the three days looking after two different representative sides — one in Wollongong, the other in Canberra.

On Saturday he took charge of the ACT Senior League side playing its annual Canberra Times Shield fixture with Illawarra, returning to the ACT to lead the full Territory XI against NSW on Monday.

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GONZALES PROVES REAL WORTH

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Griffins soccer import Sixto Gonzales has completed his probation. It wasn't official, but his two goals against Rockdale Linden recently confirmed his worth as a player to most reasonable supporters of the NSW State Bank League side.

It's never been said but it has been quite obvious that Gonzales, and fellow Peruvian Alexis Suarez, have been on trial since their arrival in the ACT at the beginning of the season.

They came sight unseen on the sole recommendation of coach Augusto Palacios. It was in everyone's mind that not all such "mystery" players have been able to adapt to Australian conditions.

And at first there were problems; both struggled to combat the physical, hard-tackling game played by most teams in the NSW competition. There were niggling injuries, and muttered comments about neither player seeming able to complete a full game.

All that has changed — spectacularly so for striker Gonzales who brought his total to five goals in four games against Rockdale — but also for Suarez in his role as a libero in front of the backline.

Palacios has known Gonzales since he was fighting to establish a place in Sporting Boys Peruvian first division side in 1985.

"His problem was that he began as a right winger, and I wanted him as a striker," the coach said. "He had the tendency to go looking for the ball out on the wings or back into midfield."

"I instructed him to stay up in front of goal — to keep to the penalty area wherever possible — and it has worked. All his goals have been scored from close in."

"He has needed some coaching. Some of his earlier injuries were caused because he was lazy and moved too slowly on to the ball. I told both he and Alexis that they could not expect any favours because we were all Peruvians. All players are equal as far as I am concerned."

"But I am very happy with the progress they have made."



Juventus defender John Graham gets his head to the ball ahead of Canberra City Olympian's James Kanaridis (left) and Peter Thompson (on the ground). Juventus won the ACT first division match 3-1.

FORORA GOALS IN DEBUT

PLAYING for a new club and ending up on the losing side is unfortunate — when that club happens to be ACT first division Soccer champion Croatia Deakin, it's downright unlucky.

It happened recently when Croatia suffered a rare defeat at the hands of CCAE with Papua New Guinean John Forora making his debut, but club officials are convinced the shaky start is only an aberration in what they expect to be a long and successful partnership.

"Forora was very impressive," Croatia assistant coach Ivan Gruicic said. "He only got to Canberra on the Thursday before the game and still managed to score one goal and have a hand in the other. On top of that he went close with a couple of other chances."

This was not enough to stop Croatia tumbling out of the Federation Cup. The 3-2 upset result tended to overshadow the 21-year-old's debut but Gruicic is certain

that will soon be put right.

"We first got to hear about him when (ACT Soccer Federation president) Charlie Perkins returned from a visit to Papua New Guinea.

"He mentioned that he had seen a really sharp striker who was scoring a lot of goals and we followed it up."

"Of course we would have been happier if his first game for us had been a win, but full credit to the college — they played very well, especially in the first half."

Forora was quickly on the winning way when his team met Narrabundah the following week, scoring twice as his team rattled up

the season's highest score — 12 without reply.

The most encouraging thing for the league champions was the way the goals were shared around. Apart from Forora big striker Emile Mancic scored a hat-trick, former Monaro winger Vic Trajanoski got two, with the rest coming from Louis Salgado, Stan Dukic, Jim Harbins, Jack Docherty and John Santolin.

The best goal came from captain Dukic — a snappy one-two played with Forora which ended with an unstoppable shot into the top corner of the Narrabundah net.

The first team crashed 3-1 helping its opponent with two own goals, the luckless Steve Holgate involved in both.

First it was a diving header — an attempted clearance which went the wrong side of the post — then a kick upfield hit the legs of fellow defender Robbie Heidemanns and bounced back past goalkeeper Steve Darby into the net.

And at the other end, John

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BELCONNEN CHALLENGES WESTON CRK

BELCONNEN United emerged as the early leader in the ACT women's soccer competition when it beat ANU 2-0.

Jenny Hillman gave United an early lead and Susan Brennan followed up as United demonstrated that Weston Creek has a battle on its hands to retain the championship.

That team, meanwhile, was playing out a tense 1-1 draw with Canberra City. The Creek held a halftime lead thanks to Julie Murray, but City's backline played a part in creating the opening for a Frances Lacy equaliser.

A late goal by Stormbirds' Angie Ulrick settled matters in its match against Downer Olympic.

ANU gained some compensation for its first-division loss, winning the reserve grade game with Belconnen 2-1, Sharon Barnes scoring twice for the University and Amanda Poultney replying.

The early leader in this division, Queanbeyan, kept up the pressure by beating Tuggeranong United 3-0 with goals from Carol Egli, Fiona Rowlands and Rita Marinschek, while CCAE outclassed Wanderers with a 3-1 win, Wendy Bithell (2) and Jill Pearce scoring for the college and Clair Angel for Wanderers.

Concordia-Canberra had the highest score of the day when it beat Belconnen United III 9-1 in a second division game. Jonelle Lancashire, with four, led the rout followed by Natalie Auld (2), Kim Semple, Maria Donnelly and Kathy Barker. Gayle Williams scored United's solitary reply.

Not far behind was ANU with 6-0 win over CCAE II (Mona Omari (2), Karen Wilden (2), Jenny Badham and Mary O'Connor) while Stormbirds' Natalie Lazzari netted a hat-trick backed by a goal from Sara King in the 4-1 win over Downer Olympic II (Katrina Rolls).

CITY LOSE EVERYTHING

CANBERRA CITY Olympians recent ACT league meeting with Tuggeranong was a day most people at the club would sooner forget.

Robertson missed a penalty.

Olympians' misfortune extended to reserve grade where it was beaten 1-0 with first-grade coach Jimmy Tsikos also missing from the spot.

As one disgruntled player said at the end of the day, "The most successful part of our operation was the canteen!"

Which is a little unfair. The youth team won its grade and youngster Steven Vanzetti gave further proof that he is a player for the future by scoring the one Olympians' first-grade goal at the right end.



AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE



QUEENSLAND CATCHES THE INDOOR BUG

THE rapid expansion of Indoor Soccer in Queensland is highlighted with the start this week of the first ever inter-centre competition.

The dedicated teams from the eight Indoor Soccer clubs in the Brisbane area are to compete in a pennant season.

The competition consists of a full round of home and away club matches with each club fielding four teams on the night. The format of play shall be the four teams playing in order from one to four against their opposite number from the other club. This competition is causing a great deal of rivalry between these now well established clubs.

The idea of the comp taking this format is not only to bring the clubs together socially, but to make the players more aware of their own club and not just their own team.

The ground rules of the competition allow for any player registered at the club to play for any team 1 to 4, however he may only play one game per night. So the pressure will be on all the clubs to grade their teams as well as possible by moving the players around to find the best combinations.

The clubs with the most accumulative points at the end of the series will be the Brisbane matchplay champion for Winter 87. However there is also a competition for each grade running concurrently so again every game will be a competitive fixture!

The opening round of fixtures this week see Bundamba entertaining the Sunnybank Club; St Lucia at

home to Lang Park; Ronnorn take on the powerful Chandler Club and Logan City will host the Tingalpa Club.

We will all be very keen to get the results of these club matches and next week we hope to bring you the reports and preview of round two.

On the local club scene the newly formed Stafford Fut-Sal Club is in mid season so will not be contesting the club titles, however, the league is developing really well with some great games every week.

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL INDOOR TEAM

NOT since the very first Australian cricket team, which happened to be Aboriginal, toured England back in the late 19th century, will an Aboriginal national sporting team travel so far afield as the National Aboriginal Indoor Soccer team when it tours Canada later this year.

In a first for Aboriginal football the National Aboriginal team will play seven games in two weeks in Vancouver with the opening match set down for November 27.

The team will be coached by Canberra City striker Jim Roberts, who is also president of the ACT Indoor Soccer Federation.

The 16 man squad will have a national training camp at the Institute of Sport, Canberra from August 23-28.

In other developments on the Aboriginal Indoor scene plans are afoot to instal multi purpose playing facilities in country areas for Aboriginal use.

The multi purpose facilities, while primarily for the development of Indoor Soccer, will double for basketball, volleyball and tennis.

The beauty of Indoor Soccer, international rules, or court Soccer throughout the world is that similar sized playing areas are required for these popular sports.

National director of coaching Nick Nicolopoulos, will be in charge of introducing the game to areas where it is not currently played.

AUSTRALIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONS



PLAYER: Erkin Osman

AGE: 23

HEIGHT: 5'4"

WEIGHT: 9 stone

OCCUPATION: Bank Officer

HOME STATE: New South Wales

INDOOR SOCCER INVOLVEMENT: Toured America with the Australian team in 1983

and New Zealand in 1984 and won both tours, 1985 Spain.

PERSONAL GOALS: To help Australia win the 1988 World Indoor Soccer Cup to be held in Australia.

REASON FOR REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA: The honour of representing my country and the pride that comes with it. The satisfaction of achieving success.

OTHER INTERESTS: Athletics, touch football, horse riding, cricket, fishing or just relaxing in front of the TV.

PLAYER: Craig Carlisle

AGE: 27

HEIGHT: 5'10"

WEIGHT: 10 stone

OCCUPATION: Beach Inspector/Carpenter

HOME STATE: New South Wales

INDOOR SOCCER INVOLVEMENT:

Represented NSW 1982, 1983, 1985 at National Champs. Represented Australia 1982, 1983 as Goalkeeper, 1985, 1986.

PERSONAL GOALS: To enjoy a healthy life.

REASON FOR REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA: It is my ultimate ambition to represent my country.

OTHER INTERESTS: Surfing.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

BULLETS BITTEN

REVESBY ALLSTARS 5
REVESBY BULLETS 3

IT was a welcome return from John White and Scott Gilligan which enabled the Allstars to get back among the winners again. These two form Allstars' attack and the last two games have shown that without them attack is what they lack.

The Bullets in recent weeks have shown good form but on several occasions three of their players were drawn to one attacker leaving another unmarked.

This resulted in a couple of goals against them.

From the beginning Allstars waited for their opportunities and let Bullets play around in defence.

A defensive lapse enabled Gilligan to pounce and he fired home to give the Allstars the lead.

Soon after he intercepted a throw out by the Bullets keeper and, drawing in three defenders, slipped the ball through to the unmarked White to slot home.

Mark Beck intercepted a nice build-up from the Bullets and immediately put Allstars on the attack.

After a great run he supplied a superb ball to White whose shot was well saved by Umpleby.

Soon after White intercepted a pass and drawing two defenders to him slipped the ball through for the advancing Toms to latch on to. His shot beat the keeper and gave the Allstars a 3-0 lead.

From the kickoff the Bullets tried a little chip over the top and Dave Beck eventually scrambled the ball underneath the keeper to give the Bullets a chance. But from the next kickoff Toms and White decided to take on the Bullets defence.

Through persistency White was able to get clear and steer the ball past the keeper to make it 4-1 at halftime.

The Bullets took the ball up to the Allstars in the first five minutes of the second half.

The Allstars defence was holding well until a shot from halfway by Valanidas caught the keeper off guard and it slipped through his legs to make it 4-2.

Not long after Ross ran down the left wing, propped, and slammed the ball home from wide out to give Bullets a great chance of pulling it off.

However, it was the combination of White and Gilligan again that eventually sunk the Bullets.

A through ball to Gilligan saw him hold the ball long enough to draw three defenders to him and then slip the ball to White who gave the keeper no chance.

From this result the Allstars now look good enough to make the semis and Bullets should not be written off just yet, either.

Goalscorers: Revesby Allstars: J White 3, S Gilligan, G Toms. Revesby Bullets: D Beck, G Valanidas, G Ross. Points: 3 - J White (Allstars), 2 - S Gilligan (Allstars), 1 - G Ross (Bullets).

GREENACRE TORNADOES 2
ALKENE 4

THE Tornadoes really should have won this game before they kicked off but after watching it, they seemed to be very stale and were never really in the game at all. Filipovic and Radosavjevic played havoc with their defence and eventually they won the game for Alkene.

Tornadoes seemed to be full of confidence but once the game started they seemed to lack the confidence in their teammates.

There was none of the usual flair that the crowd so often sees and expects from the Tornadoes.

This is not said to detract from the Alkene performance.

They played well and deserved to win but at times when Tornadoes did string a few passes together their defence seemed rather brittle.

Filipovic opened the scoring for Alkene and supplied the pass for Radosavjevic to make it 2-0.

Filipovic also scored another goal but unfortunately for him it was disallowed as he was inside the area.

At halftime Alkene were looking good but one could not help feel that Tornadoes only had to lift their game up a gear and they would have stormed home. However such was not the case.

Alkene went further ahead when Osman headed the ball back to his keeper from a corner. Psaroudis did not expect it and it sailed into the back of the net. Tornadoes were really behind the eight-ball at 3-0 down.

Then the Tornadoes produced two minutes of magic and in that two minutes the Osman brothers scored a goal apiece to bring Tornadoes back in the game at 3-2.

However Filipovic was still using his many tricks and supplied a great through ball to Radosavjevic to make it 4-2 and put the issue beyond doubt.

So Alkene have now finally put together a winning combination and nothing seems to be beyond their capabilities. With nine games to go and only six points out of the top four it seems quite possible that they can make the semi-finals.

Goalscorers: Greenacre Tornadoes: E Osman, E Osman. Alkene: M Radosavjevic 2, R Filipovic, own goal. Points: 3 - R Filipovic (Alkene), 2 - M Radosavjevic (Alkene), 1 - Erkin Osman (Tornadoes).

PHILIPS 2
REVESBY REBELS 2

THE first half was a rather drab affair with Rebels quite content to sit back on halfway and watch Philips play with the ball in their own half. The only real chance fell to Davis when he volleyed from out wide but clipped the crossbar.

The second half however produced the goals and if Philips had consolidated in defence they would have won.

Tour played well and was marshalling his troops all game however they all went to sleep in the last five minutes.

It took a good solo run from Younan to open the scoring. He took the ball up the middle and, rounding the last defender, produced a fierce shot. The keeper saved but was unable to hold and the rebound fell nicely for Younan.

This time he made no mistake and Philips led 1-0.

Soon after Speranza took the ball down the left wing and from an acute angle fired the ball past the keeper to make it 2-0. It seemed Rebels were doomed but their never say die attitude eventually paid off.

Philips leading 2-0 had control of the game and really should have held the ball as long as possible or stacked its defence to prevent the Rebels from scoring. However they didn't and a lapse in defence allowed Thurlow to pounce and he brought the Rebels back into the game with a fine goal.

Rebels continued to press forward and again they scored.

With numbers to spare they found Davis unmarked on the right and he slotted home to make it 2-2.

There wasn't enough time left for either team to make a serious attack and in the end a draw was a fair result.

Goalscorers: Philips: R Younan, F Speranza. Revesby Rebels: B Thurlow, R Davis. Points: 3 - G Tour (Philips), 2 - R Davis (Rebels), P Stromquist (Rebels).

NEXT WEEK'S DRAW: Alkene v Alec's Wreckers Two, Greenacre Tornadoes v Alec's Wreckers One, Parramatta Spartans Shields v Revesby Rebels, Parramatta Spartans Spears v Revesby Bullets, Philips v Revesby All-

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What Price Success?

SOUTH
AUSTRALIA

BY TOM MCKAIN

TONY PRICE, Queensland-based UK agent and right-hand Australian man for British promotions company PRO, will make a whirlwind tour of the States to pour oil on the troubled tour waters.

This follows the Westay international series farce following the inability of the Perth promoters to come up with the cash guarantee for Manchester United, Celtic and Nottingham Forest.

PRO represented the Westay Group in the UK, and when the Perth connection collapsed PRO called in Mr Price, who worked with them in Britain before coming to Australia earlier this year, to try and salvage something for the SA Soccer Federation and the WA Federation.

PRO were also anxious to save face with the UK clubs, but moves to have Celtic here on a mini-tour failed when Victoria and SA said

they would now ban private promoters from staging games in their States.

SA had pre-sold more than \$40,000 worth of tickets for games involving Celtic against United and Nottingham Forest on May 29 and 30.

View

"I can understand how the States feel," said Mr Price.

"But PRO has a reputation to guard, and I will be visiting all the States on their behalf to try and set up tours for next year."

"I also want to assure them that PRO can meet its commitments if the States

can meet theirs when it comes to guarantees.

"There is no reason why they can't stage these tours themselves."

PRO is one of the few promotion companies recognised by FIFA, and they are bonded to the controlling body.

States can go it alone as far as running tours is concerned, but along with the

Pro is one of the few promotion companies recognised?

ASF have to go through PRO or another accredited company.

VSF president, Jack Reilly, says his State will not entertain any private promoters, and the SASF has gone along with Victoria.

"The Westay affair was

most embarrassing," said SASF secretary, Mr Peter Nikolich.

"Fortunately we had not handed over any of the cash for pre-sold tickets to Westay, and were able to give every fan a refund."

"But once again Soccer got a bad name, and the ASF must take some of the responsibility for approving Westay to us and PRO."

Disasters

Recent tours involving private promoters or the ASF marketing arm have been disasters, and Mr Price was one of the representatives from an accounting firm called in to straighten out the mess.

Now he is going to have to

act again or Australia could find no club sides, or international teams, will consider future tours of Australia.

"From now on we will have nothing to do with private promoters," said Mr Nikolich.

"We will work with Victoria, as we have done in the past, and will share tours with them and any other States who wish to participate."

"We will certainly talk to Tony Price, and provided he can convince us all is well for the future then we could work through him."

The next big tour project is the Gold Cup, scheduled for Australia next year.

It is being organised for the ASF by West Naly, another British company recognised by FIFA and involved in previous World Cup finals.

NORTHERN NSW INGHAM'S DRIVE AT ADAMSTOWN

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

THE demise of Sydney City from the West End National League was a blessing in disguise for Newcastle football because it precipitated the return to the North of Sean Ingham.

When Sydney City folded, Ingham was one of the players whose services were not sought in Sydney and successful negotiations secured his return to Newcastle: not to join Newcastle Soccer Club in the NSW State Bank League, but to sign for Adamstown Rosebud, the club for which he played originally.

And, what a return it has been.

Adamstown had won all of its six games up to May 30 in the Northern NSW State First Division premiership, scoring 25 goals of which 10 had come from Ingham.

His record to that point was: v Austral United (2), v Highfields Azzuri (0); v West Wallsend (2); v Weston (1); v Wallsend (3); v Belmont-Swansea United (2).

Rosebuds are on target for the 1987 championship and Ingham, with former National League team mates John McQuarrie and Neil Owens, has been a key player in the club's challenge to the two top teams of 1985 and 1986 — Belmont-Swansea and West Wallsend.

Ingham's strengths are in his ability to read the play, his speed off the mark and finishing skills with head and feet.

While he continues in his present form, captain-coach Neville Power's only real concern will be to make certain that his defence doesn't concede unnecessary goals in Adamstown's quest for this year's premiership.

Westlakes' Star

Westlakes United defender Noel Fishburn reached a new milestone in his career on May 31 when he made his 300th appearance for the Northern NSW Second Division club.

Noel's only wish for the occasion was that he would "have a good game". However, Westlakes went down 1-0 to the defending premier, Stockton, on Westlakes' home ground at Rathmines.

Noel Fishburn is one of those people who combine their football with administrative duties and deserve full credit for their dedication to the code.

Having held at various times the positions of club president, secretary, registrar, groundsman and currently vice-president, it's easy to see that Noel has had more than just a little influence on Westlakes' continued membership of the Northern NSW Federation.

ILLAWARRA PICTURE

ILLAWARRA'S representative coach Robert Fryer has always adopted a professional approach to the sport and that is probably why he loathes the way some players let their clubs down.

Player-coach with Port Kembla this season, Fryer was in charge of the Illawarra squad which played ACT in Wollongong at the weekend.

It was his second season in the job and ISA officials have no complaints about the way he does his job.

That probably stems from the fact Fryer was an apprentice with English club Blackpool back in 1972 when he was invited to come to Australia and play with South Coast club Safeway United.

He had the right grounding to retain a professional attitude but says some Illawarra Premier League players just don't seem to worry about their club.

"I am speaking generally when I say clubs don't get a fair deal from many players these days," Fryer said.

"Coaches can't really plan things properly because of poor roll-ups at training and I'm not talking about the blokes who have to work or attend tech."

"There are players who just don't bother turning up and many of them just don't bother to give a

NEIL WILLIAMS'

COACH Neil Williams' ability to solve problems in his defence holds the key to South Coast Croatia's chances of winning the Premier League title this season and Williams is the first to admit it.

The league is at the half-way mark with Croatia on top but they could easily have taken out a mortgage on the title already.

"We lost just two games in the first round and our defence just wasn't up to the task," Williams said.

"I am hoping the club will be able to sign two experienced defenders before the transfer deadline at the end of the month."

If this doesn't happen, the likes of Bulli and Warilla Wanderers seem likely to overtake Croatia in the run home.

It is a sad thing for Williams that he has a really lethal front line and probably the most effective midfield in the league but slips at the back have cut what should have been a big lead.

"The players know the problem and we have work-

ROBERT FRYER . . . A REAL PRO

BY PHIL MURPHY

Now 34, Fryer is hoping for another two seasons as a player. "It is all a matter of steering clear of injuries and motivating yourself at my age," he said.

He rated his big moments as a player-coach having won the grand finals with Aris and Coniston but

there have been disappointments.

"When I was with Western Suburbs I was out for a full season with an ankle problem and that was hard to cope with," he said.

"Most players have long spells out with injuries but I found it really



Robert Fryer has the ball taken from his feet by Bulli goalkeeper Gio Raso during his spell with Aris. Fryer now wants to win his third grand final with Port Kembla.

PROBLEMS WITH COAST CROATIA

his team with plenty of respect.

"We are getting better as the season goes on and the boys have looked very good in some of our wins so far," Robaard said.

"Opposing forwards just hate coming up against our defence because we tackle non-stop and strikers just aren't used to that in this league."

"Phil Brown is the man who is standing out in our midfield and just hates to lose."

Reigning champions Bulli gave the impression early they could be battling to make the semi-finals because their strikers were off-target.

Coach Norm Flanagan was being driven to frustration with his team playing as well as last season but not getting the points.

The turning point probably came when they beat

Port Kembla 3-2 away and Steve Quirk scored a hat-trick.

They went on to beat Croatia 3-2 in a real thriller, also away from home, and Flanagan said after that game he was confident they had really turned the corner.

Then came a terrible performance against bottom of the league Corinal when they played badly and had to rely on a late own goal to clinch the points.

Bingham has made a big difference to the Warilla side and he is one player who can really make his mark on the second round of the competition.

Fearless predictions for the top four by semi-final time — Warilla Wanderers, Croatia, Bulli and Figtree.

frustrating."

When he isn't playing Fryer can usually be found watching other ISA clubs and is a regular at State League matches on Sundays.

"I'm lucky because my wife Lynne loves the game and we take the two kids to watch," he said.

A sales executive with Harrigan-Ford in Wollongong, Fryer would dearly love to complete a hat-trick of grand final wins with Port Kembla.

STARS TO BE RECALLED

FORMER Queensland stars Danny Wright, of South Melbourne, and John Stewart, Preston, could be recalled by Lions this week if their new West End National League clubs fail to pay the balance of their five-figure transfer fees by Friday (June 12).

Lions already have given the two Melbourne clubs an extension from an originally stated June 1 deadline and now are not prepared to wait any longer.

Lions want the cash to finance the purchase of two new players to ensure they win the XXXX League and gain the right to play in the NSL promotion play-off in October.

If no money is forthcoming by Friday, or no alternate arrangements are made, Lions will apply to the Australian Soccer Federation

and the NSL to have clearances on the players withdrawn.

And if the two NSL clubs fail to show any effort to pay the transfer fees, Lions will be within their rights to claim back the pair.

Stewart, 27, switched to Preston in March for \$17,000, a month after Lions defender Steve Jackson went to the club for \$10,000 (a fee which has been paid in full). Wright, 22, switched to South Melbourne in the pre-season for \$15,000.

It is understood Lions agreed to allow the purchasing clubs to pay the transfer fees in two installments. The first installment was paid at the time of transfer with the second payment due on June 1.

"The original deadline for payment was June 1. The clubs have been notified that they have until Friday," said Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk.

"We certainly don't want to stand in the way of the players' careers. It is obvious they want to play National League and that is why they went south."

"But we are not a charity and are not in the business of giving top players away. If the clubs won't pay up, then we will give the players concerned the choice of returning to Brisbane or finding another club that can afford to a transfer fee," he said.

NEWCASTLE

DAVID BOWEN — NEWCASTLE IMPORT FROM WAGGA

WHILST Newcastle's Soccer products have been widely spread over the best clubs in NSW ever since the demise of Newcastle KB United, a new situation has appeared.

Imports are coming into the coal and steel city to join the Newcastle club.

This year's prime example is Riverina product David Bowen, a strong lad who has made his way from Wagga Wagga.

David at 19 has joined the defence. He stands 182cm tall and has greatly impressed Newcastle's coach Peter Dewhurst.

The boy from Lake Albert has already proved that he can step into any position and make a good fist of it.

He could have gone to Sydney, Canberra or Wollongong, but the Newcastle lifestyle made a big impression on him.

In addition his brother and girlfriend are attending the Newcastle College of Advanced Education.

Bowen himself played for the NSW Combined High School team two years back.

Other 'imports' Derek Caisley and Nigel and Mark Drysdale didn't come from that far away.

The trio are Central Coast products, an area which covers the nearby Gosford district. But regardless of district, when Soccer footballers are moving between country and city, and country and country, it augurs much better for the future of the game.



TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT

The annual Tri-State tournament was held at the State Headquarters over the long weekend and although the grounds suffered from the heavy rain experienced, the football was generally of a very high standard.

The competition was a tremendous success thanks to the organisation of Bill Cullinan and the support he received from Bill Lodge, Florence Stephenson and Jim Forest.

The presentations were handled by Bill McIlveen, NSW Amateur Soccer Federation junior vice president and the winning teams were as follows:

U13s Sydney (represented by APIA)

U14s Country

U15s Sydney (represented by Sydney Olympic)

U16s Sydney (represented by Blacktown City)

The annual clash between the ACT and NSW Country representatives in a club championship style competition for the Grey family Memorial trophy was won by NSW Country

ROUND 1 Saturday June 6

13 Country v ACT 1-2
14 Country v ACT 2-0
15 Country v ACT 3-1
16 Country v ACT 1-1
13 Nth NSW v Sydney 0-5
14 Nth NSW v Sydney 0-7
15 Nth NSW v Sydney 0-1
16 Nth NSW v Sydney 0-3

ROUND 2 Sunday June 7

13 Sydney v Country 3-0
14 Sydney v Country 3-4
15 Sydney v Country 4-1
16 Sydney v Country 4-1
13 ACT v Nth NSW 0-2
14 ACT v Nth NSW 0-2
15 ACT v Nth NSW 2-3
16 ACT v Nth NSW 1-2

ROUND 3 Monday June 8

13 Nth NSW v Country 2-1
14 Nth NSW v Country 1-1
15 Nth NSW v Country 2-1
16 Nth NSW v Country 2-1
13 Sydney v ACT 7-0
14 Sydney v ACT 10-1
15 Sydney v ACT 5-1
16 Sydney v ACT 4-2

DEAR RUSHY

I REFER to your question about junior players who have progressed to State League clubs

I would like to let you know of three players from Wagga Wagga that I know of.

• Stefan Janic — Polonia, ex-Wagga club's — Wagga United Ashmont has also had a short stint with an overseas club I believe

• David Bowen — Newcastle ex-Hendwood Park Lake Albert A new player to Newcastle this year but is beginning to make an impression in the first team

• Jim Anderson — Nth Sydney Artarmon ex-Hendwood Park, Lake Albert. Jim was out injured on the eve of his first team debut

We are hoping that we may be able to get Stef and David released from their club's for a game against visiting West Germany teams in Wagga on June 28

We are told that the West German team from Kassel will contain some high class players

On Wednesday July 1 Alan Vest will be bringing NSW teams to Wagga Wagga to play against the visiting West German teams.

Also the above players are but three of a pool of players that could make it in the big time given the chance

— Ray Verdon,
Kooringal 2560

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RUSHY'S CORNER

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE SHORTS

AVALA'S U16 and first grade coach Mick Lalic puts an emphasis on ball skills, player development and believes in giving Youth League players the opportunity to advance their skills and understanding by experiencing grade football.

Three players, Milan Sankovic, Matthew Green, and Alex Romic have each played in the Avala State League division two, second grade team, while Jason Feledyk has been playing third grade.

Polonia are holding a goalkeeper training session on Friday June 12 at Chopin Park from 6.00 till 8.00 p.m.

Eric Woodburn will be running the session for keepers from Rooty Hill R.S.L. Soccer Club. Polonia extended the invitation to any interested goalkeepers who wish to further their knowledge and abilities.

Roman Nicolic had a field day during his game for Apia U14s recently against Gladesville Hornsby, scoring five of the eight goals.

Nepean U14s have begun the climb to a semi final position by holding Blacktown City to a draw. Blacktown City won the first round clash four goals to one.

Polonia have injury problems in the U14 team with five players missing in their recent clash with Manly.

The five, Adam Davis, Cameron Jones, Glenn Cummer, Mark Posedos and Sean O'Neill all hope to be back on the field within a month.

While on the subject of injuries, two members of the Avala U15 team, presently running third, have received broken legs and will be out of action for at least six weeks.

Last week I mentioned Tim Preston who had been studied while playing for his school. It appears that Tim's wound is worse than originally thought as he has in fact had 18 stitches inserted on the outside and many dissolving stitches on the inside.

Tim was not very keen on undoing the outer stitches in order to count the inner stitches. However the idea left in him stitches.

Nepean are continually making improvements and according to club officials their coaching techniques have greatly advanced under the direction of Vince Balzan.

The standard of players has also greatly improved this year, partly due to a number of quality men returning to the district

After Macarthur's loss to Sutherland two weeks ago and Croatia's draw with Rockdale last weekend, the stage has been set for a tremendous battle for first position in the Division B U16 competition.

At the end of round 14, Croatia and Sutherland are equal

SOCCERWORDS

NSW STATE LEAGUE PLAYERS

Find the names listed below in the puzzle above. They may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backwards. Circle the word as you find it. The left over letters spell the name of a State league club.

ARAMBASIC (Canterbury)
BERRY (Ku-ring-gai)
BOWEN (Newcastle)
BLAND (Newcastle)
BYRNE (Blacktown)
Cavanah (Newcastle)
COX (Sutherland)
CALLANAN (Melita)
DUNN (Canberra)
DEAN (Warringah)
ETHERINGTON (Manly)
GOLDSWORTHY (Ku-ring-gai)
GILLAN (Warringah)
GENC (Uruguay-Penrith)
GENOVESE (Rockdale)
GAGGETTI (Inter Monaro)
GEORGE (Canterbury)
HARRINGTON (Sutherland)
HALL (Sutherland)

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leaders with 23 points and looking at the goal averages, Croatia are one goal ahead having scored 44 compared to Sutherland. Each team has conceded only three goals.

Croatia have managed to move two points clear at the top of the under 15 table following Blacktown Association's loss to Canterbury.

Junior Clubs' ex Players

Don't forget to let us know what N.S.L or State league players have played for your club as juniors.

This is your chance to do some bragging. Simply write to Rushy's Corner, A.S.W., P.O. Box 406 Broadway, N.S.W. 2007.

State Team Update

Final selections for this year's State teams will take place during camps being conducted for each squad at Valentine Park in July.

The U13s will be travelling to Murwillumbah in sunny Queensland while the under 14s fly overseas to Devonport, Tasmania and the under 15s visit the beautiful city of Perth.

RUSHY'S FUTURE STAR

NAME: Robert Stanton

BIRTHDATE: 15.4.72

HOME: Greystanes

PRESENT CLUB: Sydney Olympic

PRESENT COACHES: Paul Ankudinoff, Greg Ankudinoff and Alan Vest.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Merrylands, Greystanes, Blacktown City.

PREVIOUS COACHES: Dennis Lindsay, John McDonald, David Lee.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Central Midfield

POSITIONS PLAYED: Sweeper, Striker, Midfield.

REP HONOURS: State U14s 1986 State Schoolboys 1983, Met West Schoolboys 1987.

OTHER HONOURS: Member of N.S.W. Soccer Academy training squad.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Maradona, Bryan Robson, Craig Johnston.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: Winning 1985 U13 Ampol Cup Final with Blacktown City.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing out on U13 Championship 1985.

OTHER SPORTS: cross country running, golf.

1987 AIM: Play for State, no injuries, win U15 Div A Championship.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: Play for Australia, become full time professional.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents, David Lee, Greg Ankudinoff.

ALAN VEST'S OPINION: Robert has all the skills necessary to achieve his objectives, his greatest asset is his enthusiasm and work rate which is excellent. Robert needs to gain further experience in the transition from junior to senior football. This experience will help to increase his vision.

NSW SOCCER COACHES FEDERATION

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by Rale Basic

at Valentine Park, Parklea

Next Monday June 15 at 7pm

Members and Visitors are welcome

QUICK QUIZ NO 3 IS IT A GOAL?

QUESTION 1: Playing time is extended for a penalty kick. The goalkeeper deflects the ball onto a post. It rebounds to the kicker and he scores. Is the goal allowed?

QUESTION 2: From a kick-off the ball is kicked directly into the opponents' goal. What is the correct decision?

QUESTION 3: Aided by a strong wind a goalkeeper throws the ball from his penalty area into the opponents' goal. Is the goal allowed?

QUESTION 4: From a direct free kick the ball strikes the referee and is deflected into the goal. What is the correct decision?

QUESTION 5: At a penalty kick the ball strikes the crossbar and returns to the kicker. He kicks the ball into the goal. Will the goal stand?

IS IT A GOAL ANSWERS

QUESTION 1: NO. The game is completed when the ball rebounds into play.

QUESTION 2: No goal. A goal kick is taken as a goal cannot be scored direct from a kick-off.

QUESTION 3: YES. As law 10 states the keeper may score in this manner.

QUESTION 4: A goal is awarded as the referee forms part of the field to play.

QUESTION 5: No goal. The ball must be touched by another player before the penalty taker may play it again.

TRI-STATE EXCITES

U13s ACT v N.NSW

NORTHERN NSW took only 12 minutes to open their account when the Territorians conceded a corner.

Heighway directed the ball to the near post where goalkeeper Duncan Thompson only managed to get his fingertips to it and directing it straight to S. McAtee who scored from 10 metres.

ACT were unable to beat the offside trap and although they had a good opportunity to score in the second half with an attempt chip, they never really threatened the central coast team.

SCORE: N.S.W 2 ACT 0

SCORERS: S. McAtee, T. Purnell

U13s Country v Sydney

APIA representing Sydney branch proved far to strong NSW Country on a pitch badly affected by the recent rain.

SCORE: Sydney 3 Country 0

SCORERS: D. Vutrung, A. Ceccoli and D. Pisano

U14s Country v Sydney

This game proved to be the best match on Sunday. Scott Wheeler opened the scoring for Country in the eighth minute and after a number of opportunities at both ends APIA, representing Sydney, managed to equalise just before half time after Tome's cross from the right found the head of Martincich.

Country come out breathing fire in the second half and after a scuffle for the ball in the mud it fell perfectly for Michael Dagg to rifle home the shot from 12 metres after only 60 seconds.

In the third minute of the second half Country went to a two goal lead scoring from an indirect just outside the box.

The lesson had not been learnt by APIA and they gave away yet another free kick in the seventh minute with the same

VICTORIA

STATE LEAGUE FIRST

Green Gully 1 Western Suburbs 1, Box Hill by, Caulfield City 1 Maribyrnong 1, Frankston Pines 1 Morwell Falcons 0, Fawkner 0 Thomastown 1, St Albans 1 Springvale City 0, Broadmeadows 2 Northcote City 0 Croydon City 1 Oakleigh 2.

RESERVES

Green Gully 4 Western Suburbs 0, Box Hill by, Caulfield City 2 Maribyrnong 1, Frankston Pines 2 Morwell Falcons 3, Fawkner 1 Thomastown 3, St Albans 4 Springvale City 0, Broadmeadows 1 Northcote City 0, Croydon City 2 Oakleigh 1.

VIC 1 FIRST

Essendon City 4 Doncaster Rvrs 1, Ringwood City 2 Melbourne 0, Nunawading City 0 Altona Gate 2, Richmond 0 Knox City 0, Albion Rovers 0 Nth Dandenong 4, SM Mordialloc 0 Bulleen 1, Sunbury Utd 2 Werribee 2.

RESERVES

Essendon City 1 Doncaster Rvrs 2, Ringwood City 3 Melbourne 0, Nunawading City 2 Altona Gate 0, Richmond 1 Knox City 9, Albion 1 Nth Dandenong 2, SM Mordialloc 2 Bulleen 2, Sunbury Utd 2 Werribee 0.

VIC 2 FIRST

Eitham 0 Clifton Hill 1, Mooroolbark 1 Westgate 1, Devonport 0 Altona City 0, Mornington 0 Waverley City 4, Nth Geelong 0 Dandenong City 1, Prahran City 3 Hamlyn Rgrs 1, Ringwood United 0 Sandringham 1.

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VIC 3 FIRST

Ciarinda 2 Port Melbourne 2, Geelong 1 Moorabbin City 1, Corio/Geelong 1 Moreland Pk Rgr 1, Rosanna 2 Keilor 2, Springvale Utd 3 Bell Park 3, F.T. Gully by, West Brunswick 2 Yallourn 1.

RESERVES

Ciarinda 0 Port Melbourne 0, Geelong 0 Moorabbin City 4, Corio/Geelong 1 Moreland Pk Rgr 1, Rosanna 5 Keilor 0, Springvale Utd 1 Bell Park 0, F.T. Gully by, West Brunswick 2 Yallourn 2.

VIC 4 FIRST

Holland Park 0 Diamond Vly Utd 1, Keysborough 4 Hawthorn 0, Langwarrin 7 Coburg 2, Lalor Utd 0 Boronia 1, Prahran 1 Karingal Utd 1, Williamstown 4 East Brunswick 1, Pascoe Vale 1 Seaford Utd 2.

RESERVES

Holland Park 3 Diamond Vly Utd 2, Keysborough 1 Hawthorn 0, Langwarrin 2 Coburg 2, Lalor Utd 7 Boronia 7, Prahran 1 Karingal Utd 1, Williamstown 6 East Brunswick 1, Pascoe Vale 3 Seaford Utd 3.

VIC 1 FIRST

East Geelong 0 Clayton 3, East Preston 7 Central City ?, Greensborough 3 Chelsea 2, Ivanhoe City 3 Brighton 0, Malvern City 3 Balilarat 0, Nth Sunshine 0 Ardeer 0, Merton 2 Regent 1.

RESERVES

East Geelong, Clayton, East Preston, Central City, Greensborough, Chelsea, Ivanhoe City, Brighton, Malvern City, Balilarat, Nth Sunshine, Ardeer, Merton, Regent.

PROV 2 FIRST

Monash Uni 3 Glenroy 0, Brunswick City 1 Dingley Utd 0, Monbulk 0 Cranbourne 1, Mossfiel 1 Berwick City 0, Ascot Vale Cy 0 Forest Hill 2, Wantirna 2 Batman Utd 3, Westmeadows 3 Stth Yarra 2.

RESERVES

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PROV 3 FIRST

Richmond Utd 0 Port United 1, St Kilda 3 Parkmore 0, Mitcham Utd 3 Meadow Park 2, South Sp'ale 4 Northern Utd 2, Lalor 2 Burwood Utd 2, Ringwood Rovers 4 Uni of Melb 2, Sp'ale Condor 0 Waverley Utd 0.

RESERVES

Eagles Utd 2 Lyndale Utd 1, Riversdale 3 Mulgrave Ascom 3, Skye Rovers 1 Debney Park 1, West United 1 Fitzroy 1, Altona United 1 Carrum Utd 1, Ascot St Marks 3 Balilarat 0, Brontoons 4 Kensington Utd 3.

RESERVES

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N Ryle	11	2	4	5	12	26	8
Gville-Chile	11	1	5	5	14	20	7
Concordia	12	1	4	7	14	30	6
Uni NSW	11	2	1	8	10	20	5

NSW AMATEURS STATE CUPS

U14 STATE CUP

ROUND 1 24th MAY

Engadine Eagles v Marwickvillle (A) 0-5, Hornsby Heights v Stn Tablelands 1-2, Nth Epping Rangers v Sans Souci 1-0, Hurlstone Park v Gymea United 1-2, Beverley Hills v Canley Heights 1-2, Panania v Kirrawee Kangaroos 2-3, Liverpool Albion v Lake Albert 3-0, Winston Hills v Ingleburn Eagles 3-1, Earlwood Wanderers v Henwood Park 3-0, Blacktown A.G. v Mitchell Dist. Ass. 5-0, Holy Cross College v Shoalhaven Assoc. 1-4, Marwickvillle (B) v Lilli Pilli 0-2, Lakemba Sports v Maroubra United 0-1, Revesby Milperra v Wakehurst 3-0.

U16 STATE CUP

ROUND 1 24th MAY

Engadine Eagles v Marwickvillle 2-3, Hornsby Heights v Stn Tablelands 1-0, Nth Epping Rangers v Sans Souci 2-1, Hurlstone Park v Gymea United 3-1, Beverley Hills v Revesby Workers (A) 0-1, Panania v Kirrawee Kangaroos 4-1, Fairfield Athletic v Lake Albert 6-1, Winston Hills v Ingleburn Eagles 7-0, St George Pol. Yth v Miranda Magpies 1-3, Como West Jannali v Connells Point 4-3, Shoalhaven Ass. (A) bye, Lilli Pilli bye, Conulla Seagulls v Shoalhaven Ass. (B) 2-2, Revesby Milperra v Manly 1-1, Liverpool Rangers v Kingsgrove Olympic 0-1, Abruzzi v Brookvale 1-4, Greenacre v Greystanes 0-2, Oatley RSLYC v Sydney United 1-4, Kissing Point v Bathurst 75-1.

U18 STATE CUP

ROUND 1 24th MAY

Engadine Eagles v Marwickvillle 2-3, Kingsgrove Olympic bye, Nth Epping Rangers v Sans Souci 1-1, Gwawley Bay v East Bankstown 2-4, Beverley Hills v West Pennant Hills 0-2, Panania v Kirrawee Kangaroos 2-6, Colo Colo v Lake Albert 2-0, Greenacre v Greystanes 2-0, Liverpool Rangers bye, Oatley RSLYC v Sydney United 1-0, Holy Cross College v Canterbury Jnr 1-1, Pendle Hill Jr. (A) v Lilli Pilli 5-0, Revesby Milperra bye, Pendle Hill Jr. (B) v St George Olympic 0-8, Nth Caringbah Jnr v E/Wood St Andrews 0-1.

ALL AGE AUSTRALLOYD' AMATEUR CUP

ROUND 1 24th MAY

Engadine Eagles v Marwickvillle 2-1, Orange Ex Services bye, Nth Epping Rangers v Sans Souci (A) 8-3, Hurlstone Park 1g3p v Gymea United 1g4p, Kingsgrove Olympic v Canley Heights 1-2, Panania (A) v Kirrawee Kangaroos 2-3, Liverpool Albion v Arncliffe Scots 6-0, Sth Dubbo Wanderers v Epping YMCA 0-3, Earlwood Wanderers (A) v Cronulla RSL 0-1, Como West Jannali (A) v Bankstown Trotters (A) 3-0, Holy Cross College v Canterbury Jnr 3-2, Bankstown Trotters (B) v Lilli Pilli 0-5, Condell Park (A) bye, Highlands v Belrose T/Hills 1-4, Gwawley Bay v East Bankstown (A) 0-2, Caringbah Rangers v Connells Point 2-1, Greenacre v Hills Independent 4-0, Oatley RSLYC (B) v Sydney United 1-3, Berowra v Conulla Seagulls (A) 0g3p, og4p, Bundeena Mainbar v Panania (B) 4-2, North Bankstown v Collegians 4-1, Gordon v St Patricks (B) 2-1, Milton Ulladulla v Lugarno 0-2, Nth Suth. Rock. v Kenthurst 2-1, East Bankstown (B) v Sylvania Heights 0-8, Heathcote v Panania (C) 0-1.

3-1, Carlton Rovers v West Pymble 2-3, West Side Panthers bye, Como West Jannali (B) bye, St Patricks (A) v Beecroft 0-2, Sans Souci (B) v Condell Park (B) 2-1, Menai Hawks v East Dubbo United 3-2, Lane Cove West v Canobolas Rangers 2-4, Hurstville RSL v Grays Point Jnr 1g5p, 1g6p, Oatley RSLYC (A) v Hercules 2g5p, 2g6p, Cronulla Seagulls (B) bye, Blakehurst Sports v Villawood 3-5, St George Pol. Yth bye.

A.C.T.

FIRST DIVISION

Croatia	5	0	0	2	4	2	10
Belconnen Utd	5	4	0	1	19	4	8
Juventus	5	2	2	1	14	6	6
CCAE	5	2	1	2	11	9	5
Concordia C'berrie	5	2	2	1	20	2	5
Tuggeranong Utd	5	2	0	3	6	12	4
Canberra City Oly	5	1	0	4	8	12	2
Narrabundah	5	0	0	5	4	12	0

SECOND DIVISION

Canberra City	5	4	1	0	11	4	9
Weston Creek	4	3	0	1	12	8	6
ANU	4	2	1	11	7		
Queanbeyan City	5	1	3	1	9	10	5
ADFA	4	1	1	2	9	9	3
Canberra United	3	1	1	1	8	9	3
International	5	0	2	3	8	16	2
Condors	4	0	1	3	8	13	1

THIRD DIVISION

Cooma	5	4	1	0	21	8	9
Goulburn '85	5	3	1	1	15	6	7
ANU	5	2	1	2	13	11	7
CCAE	4	2	1	1	9	5	5
RMC	5	1	1	3	10	13	3
Tuggeranong Utd	4	1	0	3	7	11	2
Wanderers	5	1	0	4	5	17	2
Dickson Old Boys	3	0	1	2	6	7	1

FIFTH DIVISION

Cooma	5	5	0	0	18	7	10
ANU	5	4	0	1	11	3	8
CCAE	5	3	0	2	11	13	6
RMC	5	2	0	3	11	13	5
Tuggeranong Utd	4	1	0	3	7	11	2
Wanderers	5	1	0	4	5	17	2
Dickson Old Boys	3	0	1	2	6	7	1

SIXTH DIVISION

Belconnen Utd	7	5	2	0	33	10	12
Weston Creek	7	5	1	1	28	10	11
Italo-Australia	7	4	2	1	23	12	10
Belnorth	7	4	2	1	15	9	10
North Canberra Jets	7	3	1	3	17	15	7
Tuggeranong Utd	7	3	0	4	21	18	6
ADFA	5	3	0	2	17	19	6

DIVISION ONE — RESERVES

Juventus	5	5	0	0	15	5	10
Belconnen Utd	5	4	0	1	16	7	8
CCAE	5	4	0	1	10	5	8
Croatia Deakin	5	3	0	2	13	8	6
Narrabundah	5	1	3	2	7	3	3
Tuggeranong Utd	5	1	0	4	5	9	2
Canberra City Oly	5	1	0	4	4	14	2
Concordia Canberra	5	1	0	4	11	1	1

DIVISION TWO — RESERVES

ANU	5	5	0	0	21	6	10
Weston Creek	4	3	1	0	12	3	7
Canberra City	5	3	0	2	15	8	6
ADFA	4	2	1	1	12	5	5
Condors	4	1	0	3	11	14	2
Queanbeyan City	5	1	0	4	5	8	2
Canberra Utd	4	1	0	3	10	21	2
International	5	1	0	4	4	15	2

DIVISION ONE — YOUTH

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE HELLAS IN NARROW LEAD

BY TOM MCKAIN

IT'S on again this weekend in the SA Rothmans State League as seven teams out of 12 scramble for the title as the 13th round of the 22 kicks off.

Hellas is back on top after Beograd Woodville held first place for one week for the first time this season.

But the former NSL club is ahead only on goal difference.

Hellas are on 18 points, the same as Beograd and Salisbury.

Hellas whipped Azzurri (10th) 3-0 away from home last Saturday while Beograd was held 2-2 at home by Cumberland (9th) while Salisbury, also at home, slipped in 1-0 against Birkdale (11th).

Hellas is at home for the first time in three weeks on Sunday against Croatia (4th), a point behind the leaders after beating titleholders Campbelltown 1-0.

Salisbury is away from home and could be in trouble against Lion (8th) who had a 3-0 win over bottom of the table Apac.

The latter visits Cumberland.

Other title contenders, Campbelltown and Beograd, meet at Campbelltown where the home side must win to keep in the hunt as it is sixth with 14 points.

Polonia, on 15 for fifth spot, should walk in when it

XXXX FINAL DECIDED

BRISBANE Lions and North Star will clash in the Queensland XXXX League President's Cup final after finishing the first round of the competition as the leading two sides.

And the pair are certain to lead the way in the second round and fight out between themselves which Queensland club goes into the NSL play-offs in October.

North Star beat Rochedale Rovers 2-0 last weekend to complete an undefeated run through the first round of 11 matches. That included a stunning 2-1 win over Lions at home three weeks ago. From their 11 outings, North Star registered eight wins and three draws, scoring 21 goals and conceding eight.

Lions finished their first round campaign with nine wins and two losses, netting 32 times and being beaten on 10 occasions, but the first round nearly ended in disaster in their match against Taringa Rovers at Speare Park last weekend. An unfortunate ricochet of a Russian Stewart clearance off Keith Marsh's head resulted in an early own goal and Lions were trailing the lowly-placed Taringa 0-1 at the half-time break.

But Col Bennett's side showed its true class and skill immediately after the break and within 12 minutes were 3-1 ahead. Lions finished with a comfortable 5-1 win over Dave Wheeler and Jim Morton netting twice and Marsh cancelling his earlier error when he headed home, ironically, a Stewart corner.

While Lions and North Star confirmed their places as the best and most consistent sides of the first round, the competition at the other end of the table to avoid the one relegation place, is just as intense.

Grange Thistle appeared to gain some breathing

visits Birkdale, while Para Hills, also on 14 points, look safe at home against Azzurri.

The Hellas-Croatia clash should produce plenty of thrills for the fans.

For starters, it is the only game to be played on the Sunday which means both teams know what they have to do to top the opposition, and both have huge support.

Add the fact that Hellas coach Peter Jaksa was Croatia's boss last year, and you can see why there is no love lost between the teams.

Only a point behind the leaders, Croatia, now coached by former Socceroo and Adelaide City star Johnny Nyskohus, who coached Beograd last year and made an occasional appearance as sweeper, can't afford to lose.

Nyskohus may be content to try and contain Hellas, which would suit Jaksa who turns his men loose and is the reason why they are joint top scorers with 27 goals, the same as Para.

But the latter has conceded 16 goals and Hellas only 12.

Around the States REVIEW—PREVIEW

STATEWIDE CUP

BY WALTER PLESS

THE big guns of Southern Tasmanian Soccer, Croatia-Glenorchy and Juventus-Pioneer, moved into the next round of the Bohemian Restaurant Invitation Statewide Cup with easy wins over second division sides on Monday, June 8.

Paul Furjanic set Croatia on its way to a 6-0 win over Kingborough United when he netted after only six minutes, and Tony Bacic added two more goals before the interval.

Bacic, who had a penalty saved by goalkeeper Cooper early in the second period, completed his hat-trick with another penalty in the 58th minute, before John McIntyre struck twice, once on the hour, and again eight minutes from the end, to complete the scoring.

A goal by Glen Callaghan ten minutes from time gave Caledonians a 1-0 win away to second division leader Taroona in another Southern match, while Metro-Claremont sank the visiting University 3-0 at North Chigwell.

It seems assured of gain-

VICTORIES

Juventus-Pioneer had no problems in disposing of South Hobart 5-0 away with goals from Di Martino, Freidiani, Kent, Broadhouse and an own goal, but sister Italian club, Hobart City-Azzurri, surprisingly went down 3-1 to second division outfit, Nelson United.

The big clash in the North of the State saw home-side George Town go down 3-4 to visiting Devonport City, with Dipietro hitting a hat-trick for the winner.

The only upset in the North occurred when River-side Olympic won 3-0 away to Burnie United.

The resignation came as a surprise because City has done extremely well as a newcomer to the top flight this season.

The club is currently fifth in the Cadbury League with a creditable eight points from nine games, made up of four wins and five losses.

It seems assured of gain-

Rapid, struggling against relegation in the Cadbury State League competition, turned the tables on Howrah by winning 1-0 through a Jim Patiniotis goal scored in the 7th minute.

Dale Blake reached a cross from deep on the left and knocked the ball down to the edge of the penalty area, where the onrushing Patiniotis volleyed it into the top left-hand corner of the net for his first goal for the club since joining from Olympia at the beginning of the season.

The top two sides in the South, Olympia-WPL and White Eagles, and the two leading Northern sides, Ulverstone and Launceston City, received byes into the next round of the competition.

Details: Croatia-Glenorchy 6 (T. Bacic 3, McIntyre 2, Furjanic) Kingborough United 0, Rapid 1 (Patiniotis) Howrah 0, Juventus-Pioneer 5 (Di Martino, Freidiani, Kent, Broadhouse, own goal) South Hobart 0, Nelson United 3 (Krause, Little, Wood) Hobart City-Azzurri 1 (Bishop), Taroona

'THE CARNEVALE' IS OVER!

TASMANIA

BY WALTER PLESS

REMO Carnevale, coach of Cadbury State League soccer club Hobart City-Azzurri, has resigned.

Carnevale was appointed to the position late last year after Hobart City had won promotion from the Rothmans League under Bruno Cengia.

ing even more points and allaying fears of relegation as there are 12 matches remaining.

City beat bottom-side Rapid 1-0 on Saturday. Carnevale's last match in charge, and he came out of retirement to play in the final 25 minutes of that game.

"I resigned because I've achieved my objective," Carnevale said. "I decided early in the season that I'd continue coaching until the club was safe from relegation."

"I feel that point has now been reached and that I've done my job."

"In fact the players have done the job earlier than I'd expected and I don't think Hobart City has any problems about relegation now."

"Given the situation with the three teams below us, I think eight points is enough and the team will probably do even better now that the pressure is off."

Carnevale said that he had experienced a number of problems this season, such as the unavailability of players through injury, sus-

pension or personal reasons, as well as a lack of dedication and discipline.

He said he had often been three or four quality players short in games and the pressure of relegation had always weighed heavily on the team.

City's president, Mr George Marino, said he was surprised at the sudden resignation.

"Remo's decision came as a surprise as I was very happy with him," Marino said.

"He did very well and he put a lot of time into the club and I really feel sorry he's resigned."

"It was a very hard year for Remo and he'd had bad luck in the last few weeks with players being unavailable and the team being weakened."

City's youth-team coach, Frank Letec, took charge of one training session this week, but former assistant coach, Otto Klaus, will be caretaker coach until a permanent appointee is named.

Klaus is regarded as the most likely candidate to replace Carnevale.

KANNEGIESER LOSS AFFECTS JUVENTUS

BY WALTER PLESS

CALEDONIANS caused the upset of the season when it beat Peter Irving's Juventus-Pioneer 2-1 in midweek.

Caledonians welcomed back Ian Parker after a three-match absence and he hit both goals, the first from the penalty spot in the 26th minute, the second following Tim Robins' cut-back in the 77th minute.

Frank Genovesi had equalised for Juventus four minutes before the interval, but Juventus, without top midfielder Steve Kannegger, rarely looked serious about this affair.

White Eagles looked home and hosed when it led Croatia-Glenorchy 2-0 at the break but Croatia came out in the second period fiercely determined to salvage at least a point.

Scott Young arrived late in the penalty area to head home Neil Morrison's cross after 36 minutes and give Eagles the lead, while three minutes later, Richard Leszczynski, the league's leading scorer, outpaced Billy Kirkpatrick and fired home to make it 2-0.

Neil Thomas' glancing header from Willy Peters' cross seven minutes into the second half reduced the arrears, but David Stodart's powerful shot from 20 metres in the 69th minute re-

stored Eagles' two-goal winning margin.

Croatia forced corner after corner and this paid off in the 72nd minute when Ivan Bacic rose above the defence to head home one by Paul Furjanic but it was far too late.

The match finished with Eagles dangerous on the counter-attack and Croatia's goalkeeper, Rodney Tattam, had to save twice with his feet from Michael Driessen and Richard Leszczynski.

Hobart City took the lead against Howrah on the hour. Richard Corongiu lost possession to Neil Bishop in midfield and the latter put Matthew Sly away. The full-back-turned-striker drove a perfect shot past the advancing Craig Jones.

Howrah, which had had the better of the scoreless opening half, struck back ten minutes from the end through player-coach Alastair Hales after a quick counter-attack.

With seven defenders between him and the goal, Hales hit a curling shot from the edge of the penalty area into the left-hand corner of the net.



Australia youth team defender Lisa Van Dorp clears the ball during the 1-1 draw with American team D'Feeters in the Dallas Cup competition. Team mate Leanne Edmundson (left) and a D'Feeters forward get out of the way.

IN PASSING

PRIOR to the nil-all draw last week Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh made a surprise confession — he had seen the Scots play England only twice in 20 years.

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MEXICAN Hugo Sanchez wasn't so hot at the World Cup finals last year but he hasn't let Spanish club Real Madrid down.

Thanks to Hugo's hat-trick against Sporting Gijon, the club looks set to capture their 22nd league title.

Hugo took his tally to 33 in Reals 4-0 win in the championship play-offs and the club holds a two point break over Barcelona who squeezed home 1-0 at Real Mallorca.

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ONE of the world's all-time great soccer players, Sir Stanley Matthews, is on a sports anti-apartheid blacklist because of his links with South Africa.

Matthews, who was knighted for his contribution to British soccer, played and coached in South Africa after his career ended in England.

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GREEK fans have had no football to watch for the second week.

Twelve clubs are protesting over new rules for transfers and relegation and remain on strike.

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WATFORD are the proud owners of the Great Wall Cup — the English first division team finally beat China 2-0 in Shanghai after extra time.

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SWEDEN defeated Italy 1-0 in a European Championship Group Two match to go to a one point lead over the previously undefeated Italians.

The loss brought to an end of a dream run for Italy's new manager Azelio Vicini in which his side went eight matches without a loss.

The probable deciding match as to who will qualify for next year's West German Finals will be the return in Italy later this year. However the Italians have a date with World Champions Argentina in Zurich later tonight as FIFA officially opens the start of the 1990 World Cup finals to be held by Italy.

Meanwhile Denmark was held to a 1-1 draw by Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union beat Norway 1-0 in Oslo.

SWITZERLAND beat Israel 1-0 in an international friendly match in Aarau, Switzerland.

Only 3,500 were at the match, in which Christophe Bonvin scored in the 66th minute.

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FORMER all-time Welsh great John Charles, who played with Leeds United and Juventus in Italy, is broke and collecting welfare money in Britain following failed business ventures. He earned \$2.2 million during his playing career.

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MILLIONAIRE publisher Robert Maxwell has taken over the chairmanship of newly promoted first division club Derby County and installed his son Kevin as chairman of another first division club Oxford United.

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PRIOR to meeting Australia English champions Everton beat New Zealand 2-1 in a friendly international before a crowd of 17,000 at Mt Smart Stadium in Auckland, a lacklustre game that had many fans leaving before the final whistle.

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TWO goals from Fabio Viviani for Italy sent England crashing to a 2-1 defeat in their opening match in the Four Nations semi-professional tournament.

In Kirkcaldy, a sensational last-minute goal by Kilmarnock's John McVeigh gave Scotland's part-timers a dramatic 1-0 win over Holland.

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GLASGOW Rangers may fence in their Ibrox Stadium crowd next season to avoid trouble during the European Cup.

A pitch invasion at the end of the last match of the season, against St Mirren, almost stopped the Premier League championship trophy being presented to the club.

Rangers are also installing a retractable tunnel to combat coin throwing.

★ ★ ★

ENGLAND striker Tony Cottee has had second thoughts about leaving West Ham and is expected to sign a new contract this week.

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SUNDERLAND relegated to the English third division this season for the first time in its 108-year history has appointed York City manager Denis Smith to take charge of the club.

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CLOSE to 20,000 turned out to see a Manchester United side beat Bobby Robson's England All Stars 7-2 in a testimonial match for Gary Bailey, who has been forced to quit soccer with knee problems.

Bailey, who is planning to return to live in Cape Town, will benefit to the tune of around \$80,000 — tax free.

The search to replace him is now on in a big way at Manchester United, who announced in midweek that they were putting Chris Turner on the transfer list.

Turner, who cost United \$500,000 will be released for \$200,000. England keeper Peter Shilton is the man United want.

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THE superb victory of Ajax of Amsterdam over Locomotiv Leipzig in the European Cup Winners Cup in Athens amused manager Johan Cruyff no end.

Because he does not have a Dutch FA coaching badge he is not officially allowed to run the side. Ajax got round it by appointing a stand-in coach.

Meanwhile, Cruyff has developed one of the most exciting young sides in Europe for years and had four teenagers in the team that beat the East Germans.

HUGO SANCHEZ skips away from a sliding tackle and launches into attack for Real Madrid. His form for the Spanish side has been hot to trot all season.



MARK HATELEY in triumph for AC Milan.



The great JOHAN CRUYFF argues the point in the 1974 World Cup Final with referee Jack Taylor. The 'Flying Dutchman' is embroiled in a controversy with the AJAX Amsterdam club now.

FERGIE'S FLING

MANCHESTER United are playing down reports that their new manager Alex Ferguson, a married man with three children, indulged in steamy sex sessions at his luxury flat with 26-year-old blonde Deirdre McHardy.

Deirdre is yet another in the ever-growing list of kiss-and-tell tartlets who have been dropping their ex-lovers in the matrimonial mire.

She says of 45-year-old Fergie: "He was a good lover — everything I expect of a fit soccer manager."

Deirdre said she first met Ferguson when he was manager of the Scotland side and that he talked her into bed on their second date.

"It was no burning love affair, but we were fond of each other. There was intimate affection and of course that involved sex."

Deirdre was fixed up with a job in Spain when news of the affair began to surface, but United are refusing to comment.

In the 1970's Tommy Docherty got the sack from Old Trafford for playing away from home with Mary Brown, the wife of Manchester United's physio.

LEICESTER have told manager Bryan Hamilton that in spite of relegation his job is safe for another season and that he will be given money to buy new players.

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COVENTRY keeper Steve Ogrizovic was twice called from the club's training camp at Bournemouth to rush back to the Midlands last week to be with his pregnant wife.

Both were false alarms and Steve returned to join in the preparations for the Wembley showpiece against Spurs, which his side won.

Big Steve said: "We have an 11 year old. He arrived on time, but this one was more than a week late."

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MANCHESTER CITY are talking to Lou Macari about the possibilities of a coaching job.

They have also approached Brian Talbot, the former Arsenal and Ipswich player now at Stoke.

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ARTHUR Cox and Roy McFarland have signed new three-year contracts at Derby. Bobby Davison and Gary Micklewhite have also signed new deals.

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ROMA have opened negotiations to take England international striker Mark Hateley from AC Milan in a deal that will make him the third most expensive player in the history of the game.

A special deal in Hateley's contract with Milan fixed the price of his departure to any other Italian side at almost \$8 million. He cost AC Milan more than two million when he moved from Portsmouth two years ago.

Hateley and his accountants will fly to Rome to discuss details although the latest word is that he may head to France.

Diego Maradona, whose transfers have cost \$14 million and Ruud Gullit at \$11.6 million are the world's most expensive players.

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MIDFIELD man Kevin Langley has created soccer history by becoming the first player to win a championship medal and get relegated on the same day.

Langley was on loan to bottom of the table Manchester City, who have been relegated to the Second Division.

But because the former Wigan player made 16 appearances for title winners Everton, he also gets a championship medal.

"I don't know whether to laugh or cry," said young Kevin.

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WEST HAM have told Tony Cottee that he won't be given the transfer he's been asking for. He was furious that West Ham sold Paul Goddard to Newcastle.

Cottee says that the club should have encouraged him to stay so they could build a squad on the lines of Liverpool.

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SCARBOROUGH, newly promoted to the Football League, have been rocked by a boardroom squabble.

Local nightclub owner Alf Arton has been voted off in a power struggle with chairman Terry Wood, a local fish merchant and father of Chelsea fullback Darren Wood.

Now Arton says he won't pay for the \$400 a head Spanish holiday he had promised the players as a bonus for reaching the Football League.

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IAN STEWART who cost Newcastle \$300,000 from QPR two years ago, has been given a free transfer. Alan Davies, who cost \$100,000 from Manchester United, has also been given a free transfer.

★ ★ ★

MANCHESTER UNITED have told Scots defender Graeme Hogg he has no future at Old Trafford and will be put on the transfer list.

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DUTCH star Johnny Metgod is set to return to Holland now his contract with Nottingham Forest has ended.

"I always got dropped if we have a poor result," says Metgod, "so it was better that I left."

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CHESTER trainer Mick Clarke has been bound over for 12 months by Wrexham Magistrates after admitting he drenched more than a dozen fans at the end of a fiery match at the Racecourse ground.

The incident took place after fans had spat and sworn at Clarke who was giving them the V-sign.

Clarke said that he had meant only to throw the water at the fans. The fact that the bucket went too, was a mistake.

He was also fined \$200.

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WEST GERMAN skipper Klaus Allofs has signed a three-year contract to play for Marseilles, who are currently neck and neck with Bordeaux at the top of the French Division.

The move from Cologne will cost Marseilles \$14,000 and Allofs, capped 50 times by West Germany, will link with Karl-Heinz Forster, a long-time international teammate.

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CRACK amateur side Fairlopans may be kicked out of the Essex Alliance Senior Cup next season because they lost the trophy.

They have offered a \$200 reward for the Cup which hasn't been seen since the May dinner-dance which was held to celebrate Fairlopans victory in the tournament.

The 90-year-old silver pot is worth \$6,000 and an official said: "You know how it is after a few beers at these dances. We haven't a clue where it is."

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EVERTON are ready to offer Howard Kendall a \$400,000 a year contract to keep him at Goodison following his latest championship triumph. He is currently on \$230,000 a year, according to their latest annual accounts.

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IPSWICH striker John Deegan is to have an exploratory operation on his knee.

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ARIE HAAN, one of the great Dutch sides of the 1970's has been axed as manager of Anderlecht.

He wanted the \$5 million from the transfer of Enzo Scifo to finance the buying of Brazilian star Elza. When he offered his resignation, the club's directors snatched his hand off!



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LUTON ROAR DEFIANCE

THE secret of Luton's fine League form is out. It was an 'us against them' attitude which inspired the players.

Welsh international midfield star Peter Nicholas reveals that Luton were spurred on to extraordinary heights of achievement in the First Division by the problems which seemed to pile up for the Kenilworth Road club.

Nicholas says: "We all stuck together and had a real go. We were bitterly disappointed at being kicked out of the Littlewoods Cup and we said to ourselves 'Everyone seems to be against us'. The spirit was

brilliant and that helped a lot. "It has been a great season for us, in the League anyway. When David Pleat left last summer, things could have changed for us. We had been quite successful but you never know how a new manager will react."

But Pleat's replacement, John Moore, kept things ticking over nicely and refused to make major changes. His policy worked admirably as Luton toppled all kinds of fancied sides to finish seventh, the highest place in the club's history.

Nicholas says: "Everything seems to be improving all the time here. We have certainly made strides as a side."

Now Nicholas believes Luton need cross one last hurdle before they can start winning trophies.

"Our squad has been hit by injuries at times and it has been hard to cover. Lads have come in and done well but we need to strengthen the squad a little."

"As long as we keep the players together, I don't think this will be a one-off season. Ricky Hill has admitted he wants to stay, in spite of much talk that he

PORTSMOUTH have rewarded manager Alan Ball with a \$30,000 a year increase for taking them back into the First Division. Ball's big pal Dave Bassett, meanwhile, has quit as manager of Wimbledon.

Basset says it's not over money, but that he's at loggerheads with Wimbledon owner, Lebanese businessman Sam Hammam, who is trying to turn the ground into a supermarket.

And make a few million dollars into the bargain.

NORWICH coach Mel Machin has been to Birmingham to talk over the position of Aston Villa's vacant post with chairman Doug Ellis.

COLIN Murphy is favourite to take over at Southend, who were promoted to the Third Division at the end of the season. Murphy is currently with Stockport.

THE chase is on again for Oxford's Eire midfield man Ray Houghton, 25. Manager Maurice Evans says: We've had a lot of inquiries about him but no firm offer yet!"

THE exodus from Wimbledon, now that Dave Bassett has resigned, has begun. Steve Galliers has signed for Bristol City for \$60,000.

Welsh international Glynn Hodges has asked for a move and John Fashanu says he wants to go as well.

AN angry fan has been trying to sell Fourth Division Colchester, who have had a singularly unsuccessful season.

An advert in the local paper advertised clockwork clowns for sale at \$100 each and lists the phone number of Colchester's Layer Road ground.

DIEGO Maradona has signed a new contract to stay with Napoli after leading them to the first Italian League championship in their 80 year history.

Diego got a million dollar signing on fee as well as a hefty rise on his \$1.5 million a year salary.

But the key to the deal was the signing of Diego's teenage brother Hugo by Napoli from Buenos Aires. Hugo will play with one of Napoli's farm teams next season.

Napoli's other foreign player — they are allowed only two in the first team — will be Brazilian hotshot Careca who has signed for \$2.8 million.

ENGLAND World Cup hero Bobby Moore is flying to Turkey this week to discuss taking over as manager of Fenerbahce on a staggering \$480,000 a year for two seasons.

It's the job that Ron Atkinson turned down, but Moore would prefer less money and a longer contract.

He was far from successful during his spells as manager of non-league Oxford City and Southend and is only too well aware of how quickly team bosses are sacked.

Moore currently works for a London security firm and gets about \$400 a week to let his name be used as sports editor of a colour Sunday tabloid.

The paper is probably the sleaziest paper in the history of Fleet Street — nicknamed the Street of Shame by satirical magazine Private Eye — and Moore would do well not to let his image be tarnished by further association with the rag.

FORMER Chelsea skipper Marvin Hinton has been fined \$500 at Crawley, West Sussex, Magistrates Court for stealing 200 cigarettes.

JOE'S BACK

THE fearsome figure of Joe Jordan once terrorised defences around the world as he spearheaded Scotland's attack through three World Cup campaigns.

Now the former Leeds, Manchester United, AC Milan and Southampton centre-forward sends tremors down the spines of defenders from teams like Bolton, Gillingham and Walsall as he leads Bristol City's forward line.

But even in the third division Jordan can't keep out of the spotlight and recently that gap-toothed grin was seen again at Wembley when City took on Mansfield in the Freight Rover Trophy Final.

Jordan, who joined the Ashton Gate side in February, says: "I came here because I saw the club had potential.

"Although our main aim was promotion, winning through to Wembley has gone some way to compensating for our disappointment at missing out in the League."

Twice a Wembley winner with Scotland, Jordan is hoping to improve on his only other domestic appearance on the hallowed turf when he was in the Manchester United side that lost 3-2 to Arsenal in the 1979 FA Cup Final.

Playing

Joe, who hopes to go into coaching eventually, has no intention of giving up playing yet. The 35-year-old says: "I will play next year and if I still feel as good at the end of next season as I do now, I'll certainly carry on."

Jordan's manager Terry Cooper is thrilled by his contribution to his team's success.

"He is an international player and that rubs off on his teammates," says Cooper. "He has a top-class attitude and sets a great example. He will never admit defeat."

JOE JORDAN is his Manchester United days.



SOUNESS STILL NOT HAPPY

YOU ain't seen nothing yet... that's the message from Rangers player-manager Graeme Souness as the Premier Division Championship returns to Ibrox after a nine year absence.

Souness, looking forward to playing in the European Cup again, will further strengthen his squad and is eager to sign at least two more high quality players.

"Rangers must build on this success," says the Ibrox boss. "There's no chance that we are going to get complacent."

"I know the players I want. They are the type who would perform well in the European Cup."

One player in Souness' sights is England striker Mark Hateley of AC Milan. Souness flew to Italy recently to have talks with the powerful striker.

Glenn Hoddle, too, has

been mentioned at Ibrox and the Glasgow giants are big enough to match anything he could get on the Continent.

Surprise

Rangers' domination of Scottish Soccer this season was a surprise, despite their massive cash splash of over \$4½ million.

They got off to a disastrous start but stuck to their task and Souness, sent-off twice during the campaign, pays tribute to the English influence at Ibrox.

"Chris Woods has the safest hands in the game, and Terry Butcher is the best in business."

Graham Roberts arrived at exactly the right time. We were going through a crucial stage of the season when I bought him."

There were a few problems for Rangers along the way — notably the 1-0 defeat by Hamilton in the Scott-

ish Cup and their shocking disciplinary record.

But Souness, his assistant Walter Smith and chairman David Holmes deserve an accolade for the way they have transformed the ailing giant of Scottish football.

Rangers were playing to sell-out 44,000 all-ticket crowds for most of the season. They averaged a remarkable 37,000 for their 27 home games and are poised to sell close on 26,000 season tickets, bringing in \$4 million before a ball is kicked.

A new sponsorship deal will net the club another \$2 million.

Souness will still be given the money to spend whenever the ideal replacements become available.

David Holmes says: "Our aim is retain the Championship and to win the European Cup. That would be the ideal way for Souness to bow out as a player!"

LIVERPOOL WANT PEARCE

LIVERPOOL are ready to make an offer for Nottingham Forest defender Stuart Pearce.

Anfield boss Kenny Dalglish is anxious to sign a top quality left-back to take over from the injured Jim Beglin and sees the 25-year-old Londoner as the man to fit the bill.

Pearce joined Forest from Coventry two years ago in a joint \$900,000 deal with Ian Butterworth and was in line to win his first full England cap against Scotland recently.

Many experts now believe he could eventually take over from Kenny Sansom for England, and if Dalglish can match Brian Clough's asking price a move will be on the cards.

Should they fail to get Pearce, Liverpool will turn to Birmingham's Julian Dicks, who has also been watched by Champions Everton.



DIEGO MARADONA strikes for Argentina against Belgium. The little man has signed a new contract with Napoli.